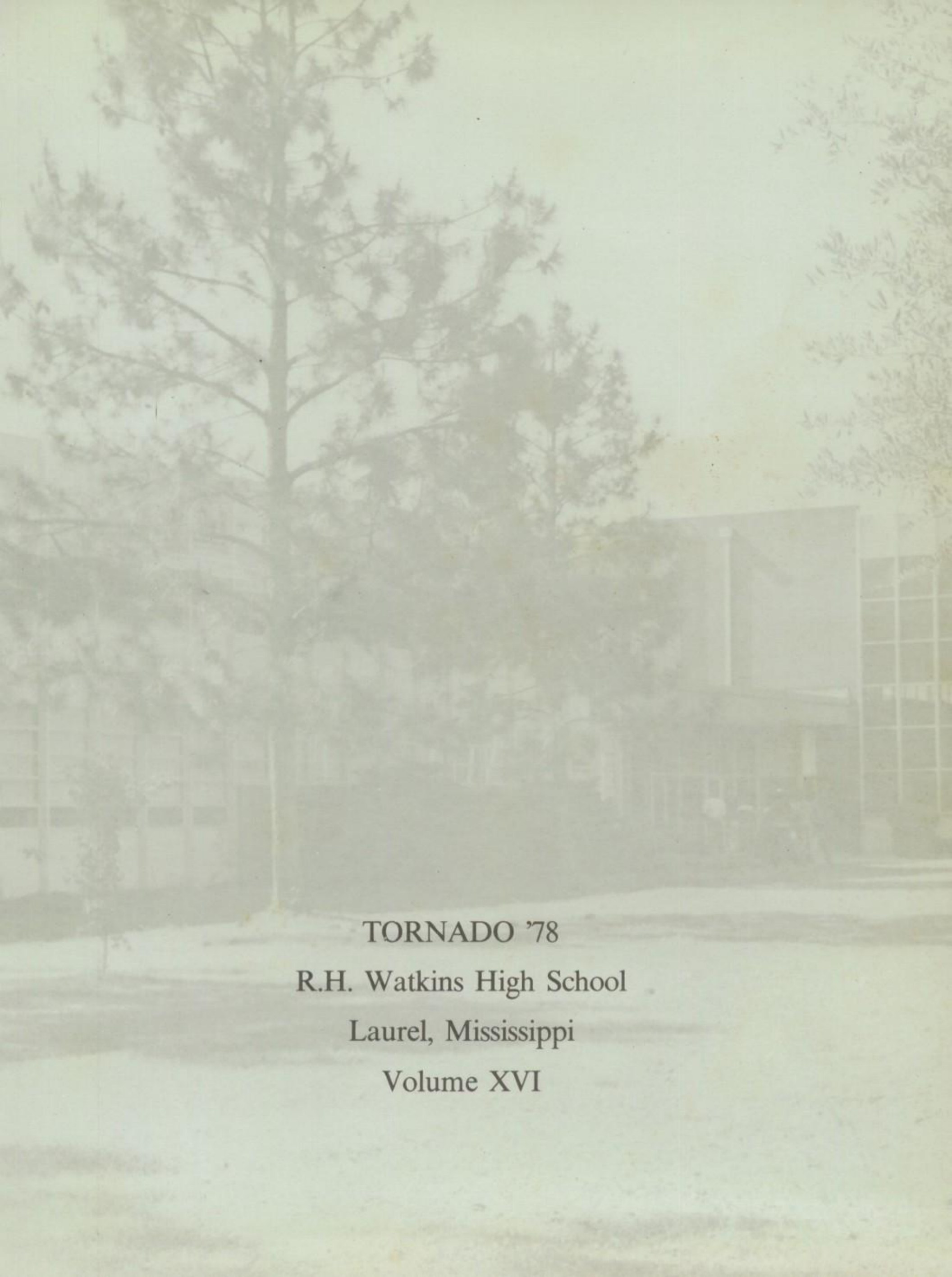


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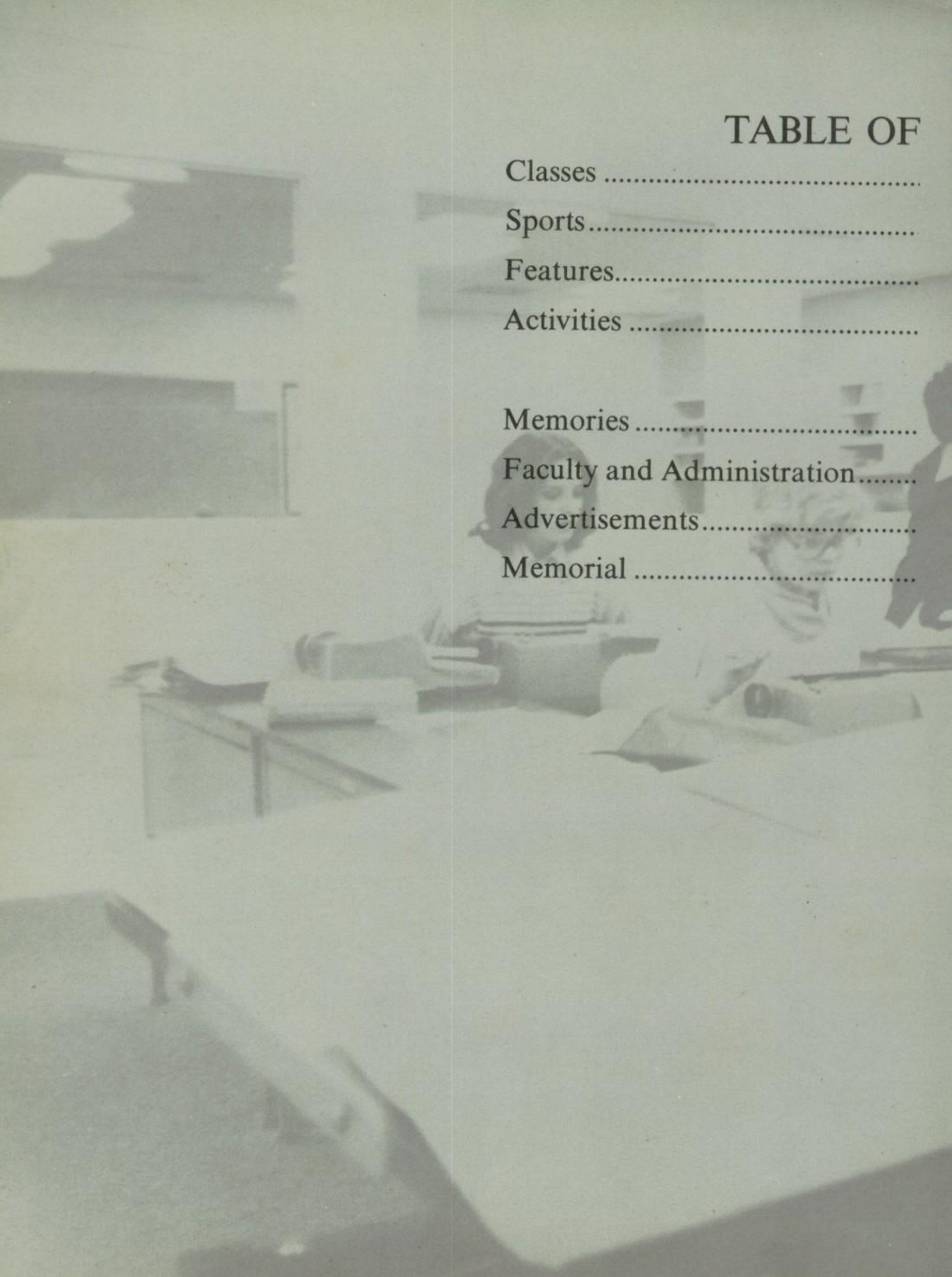


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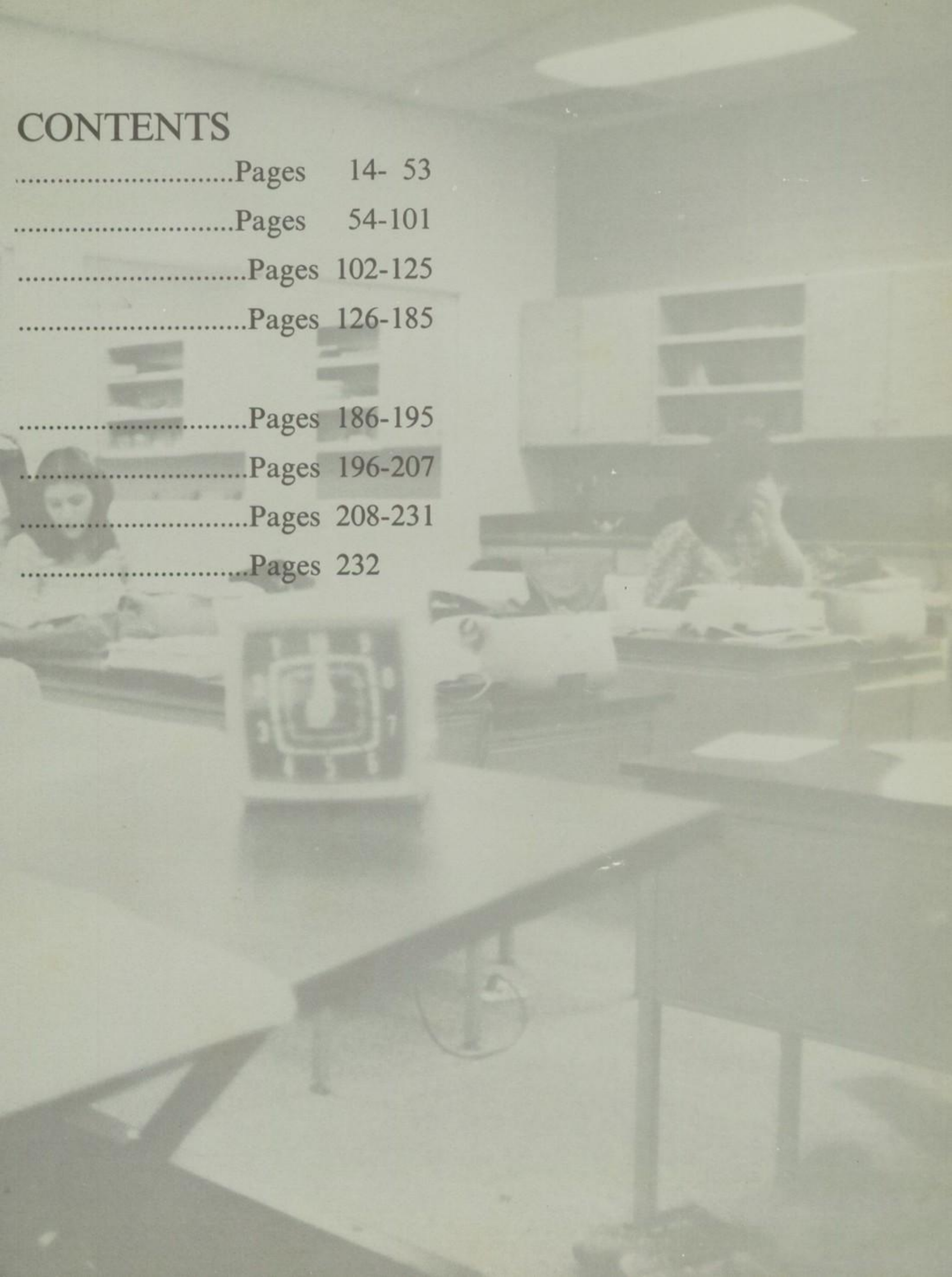
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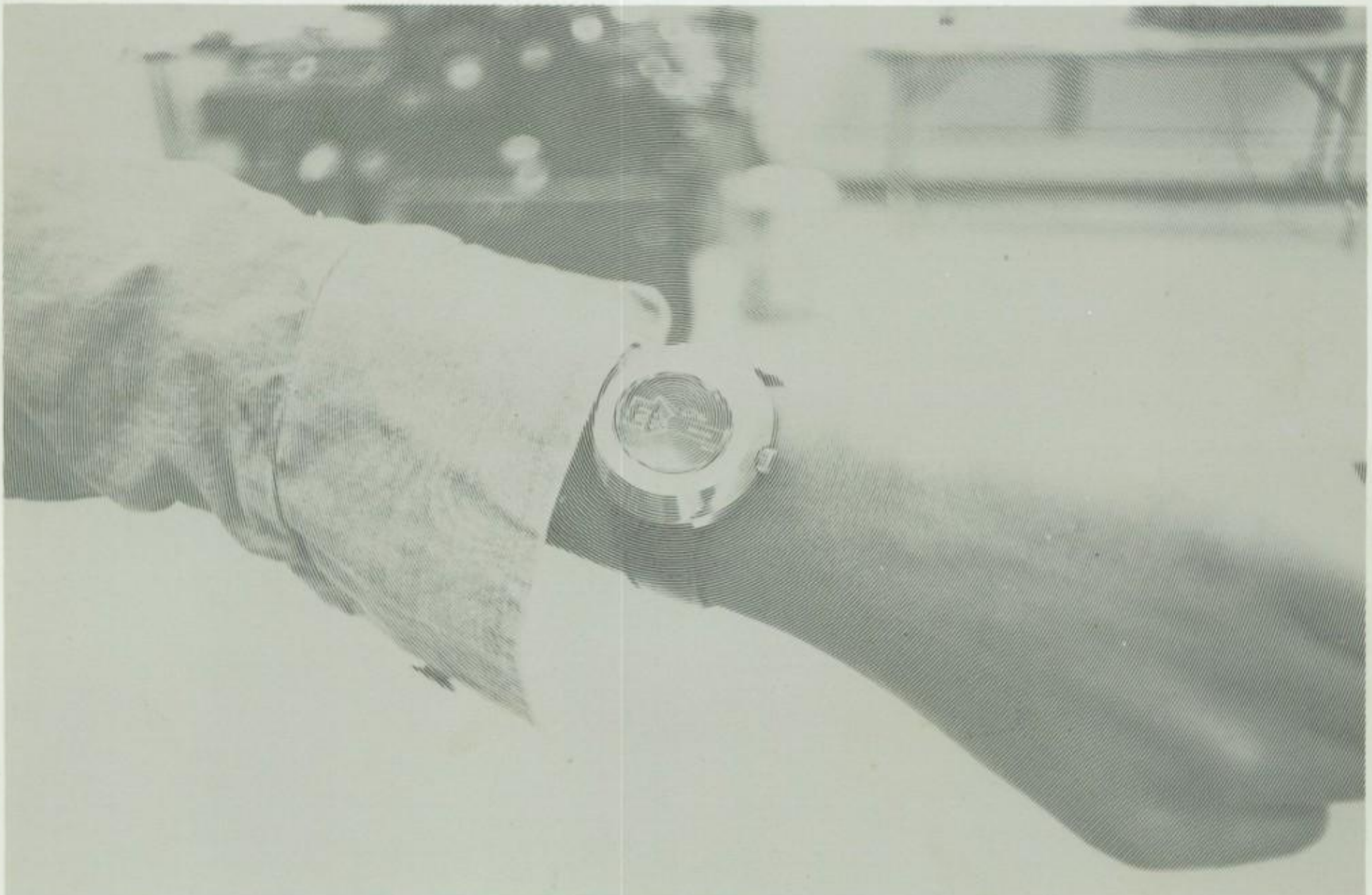
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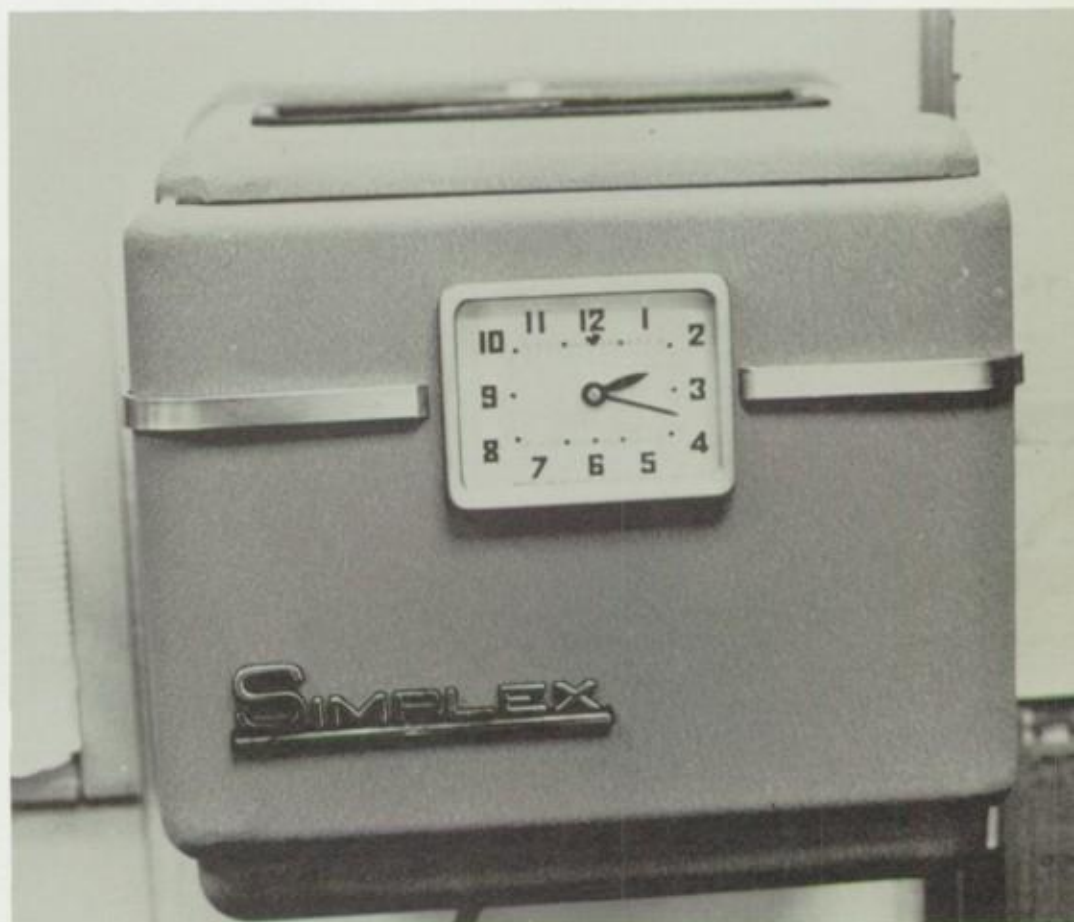


Time.
Time is now.





The time is to work or to play



It is also time to be an individual
with self-centered desires and
needs.

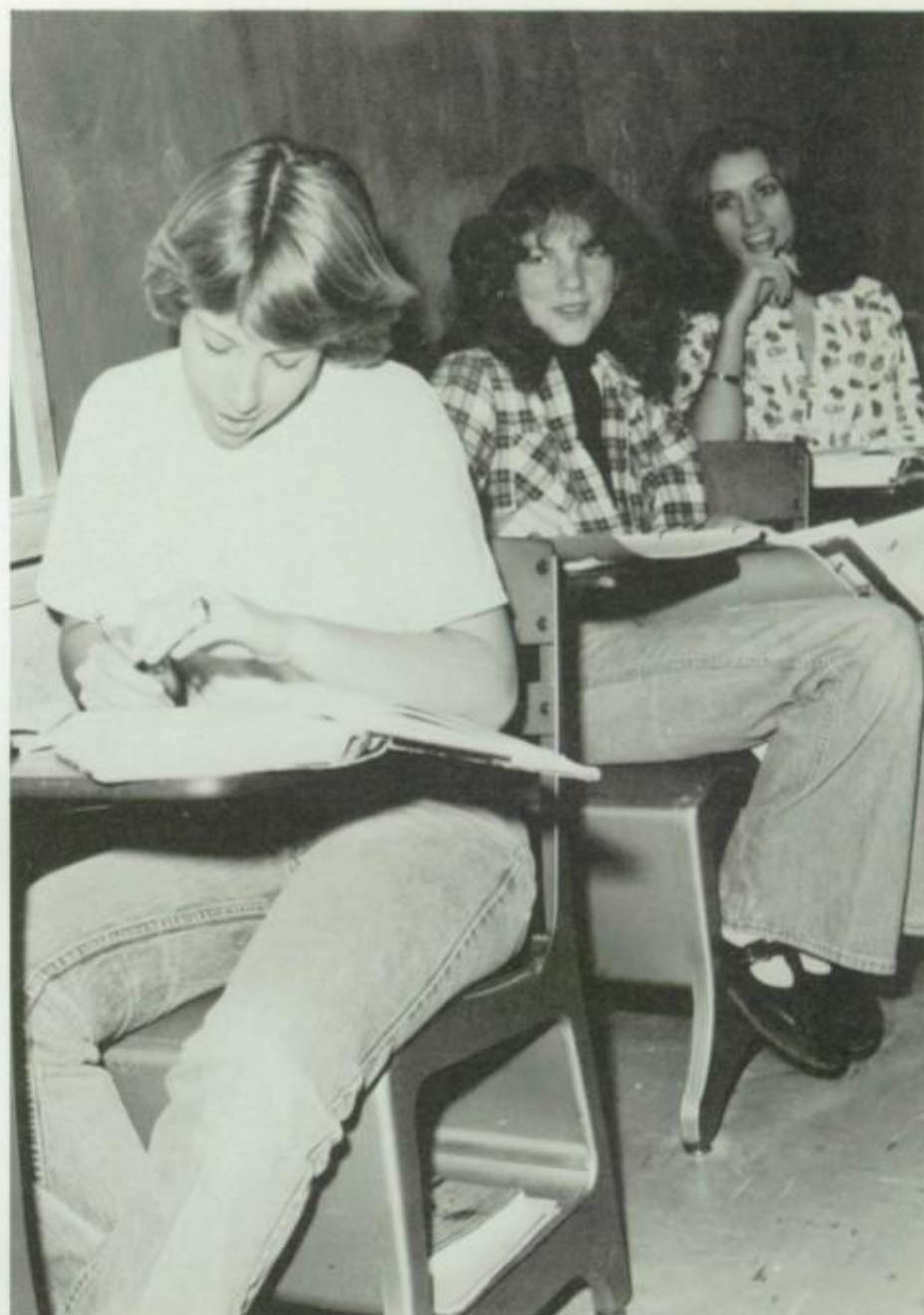




Or, maybe to be part of the group,
to feel a sense of belonging.

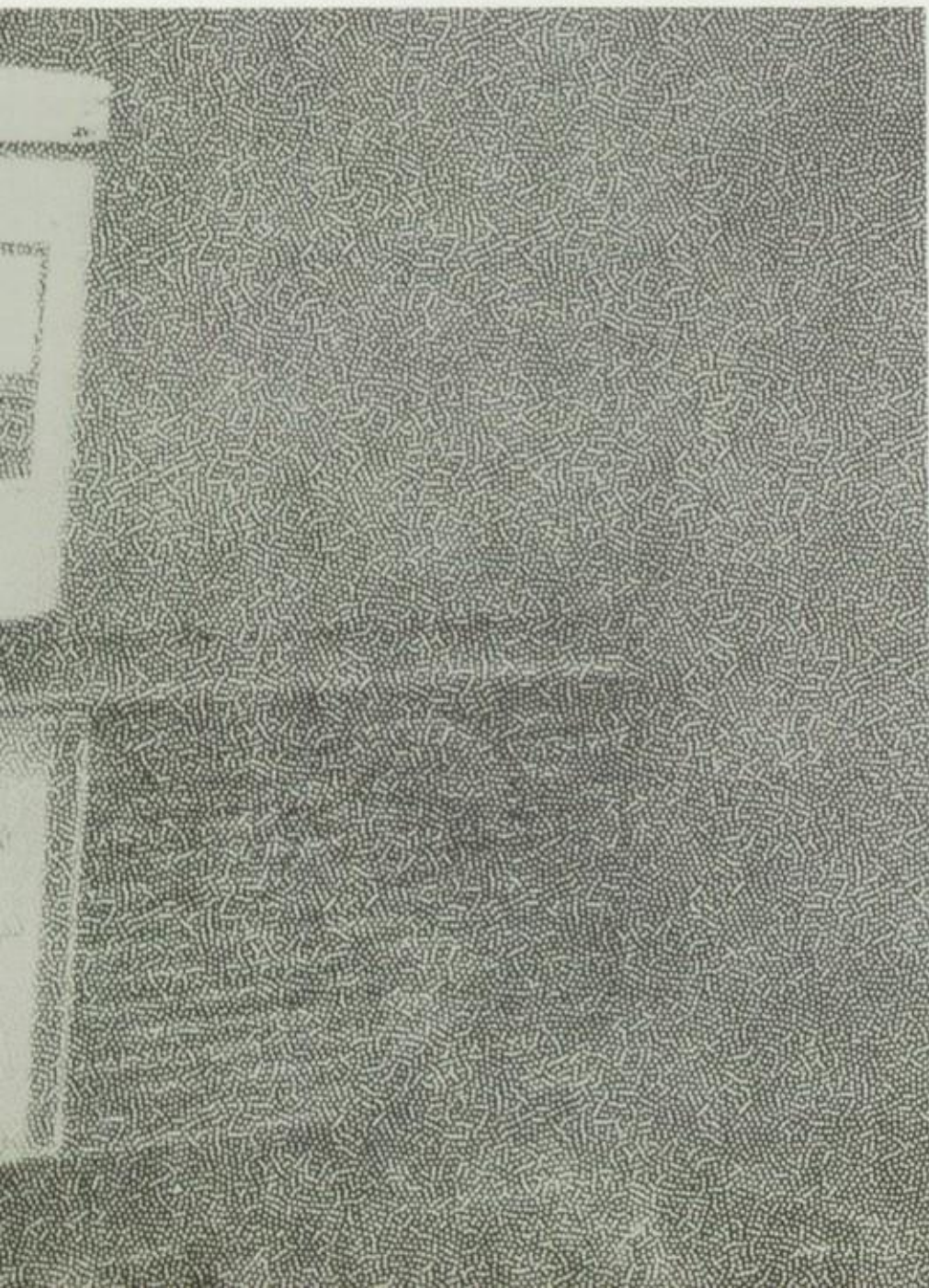
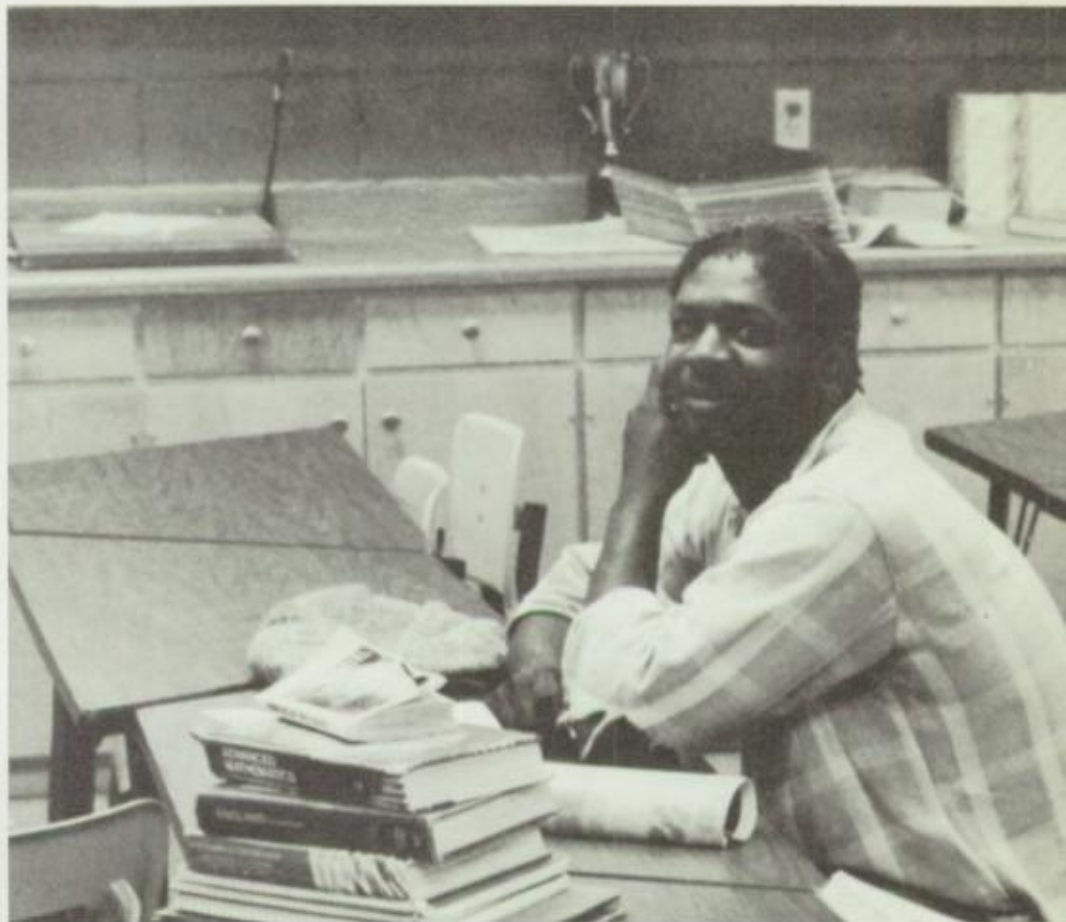


We all, at one point in our lives,
dawn upon the realization



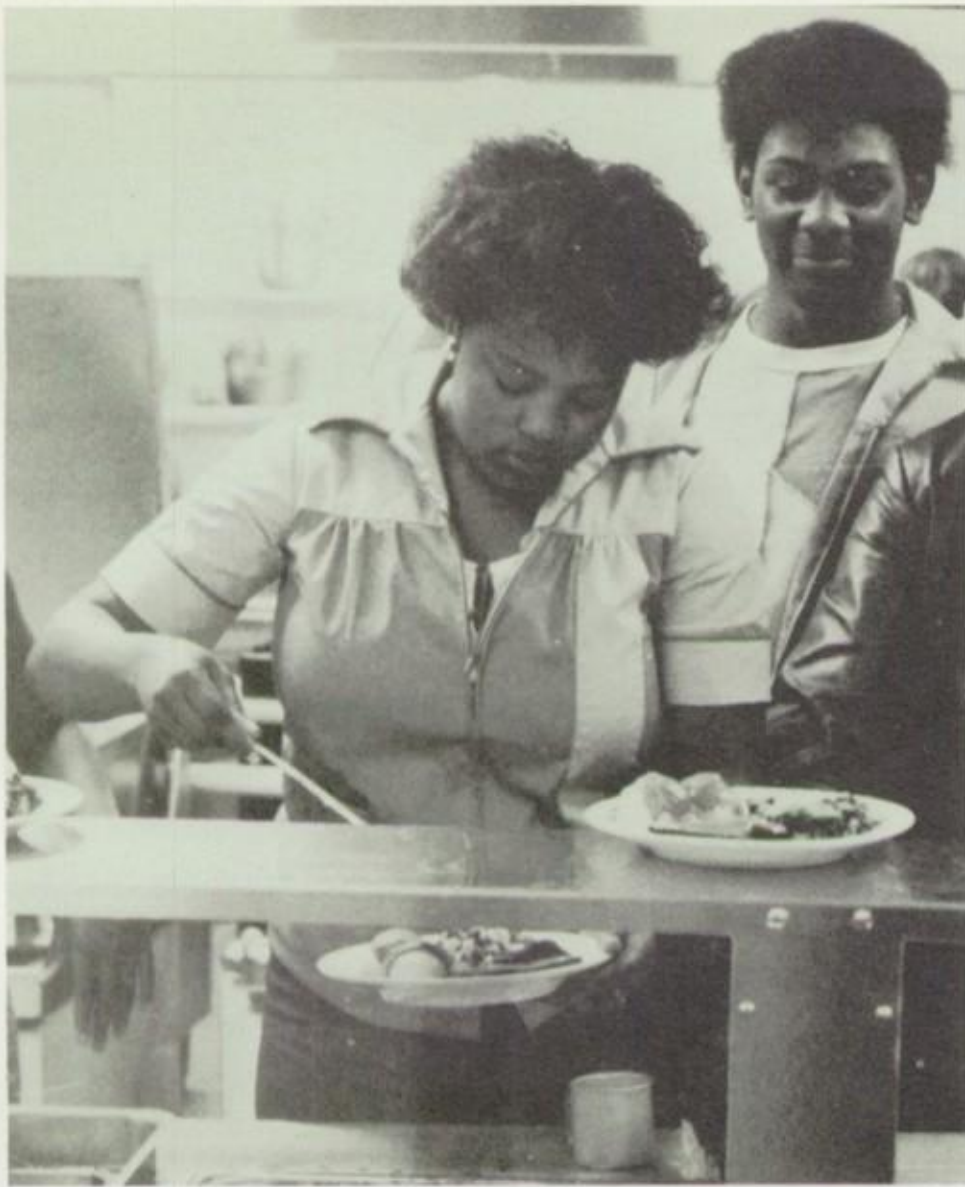


that we are somebody and
that the time has come to
show it.



We may participate in student
activities, sports,

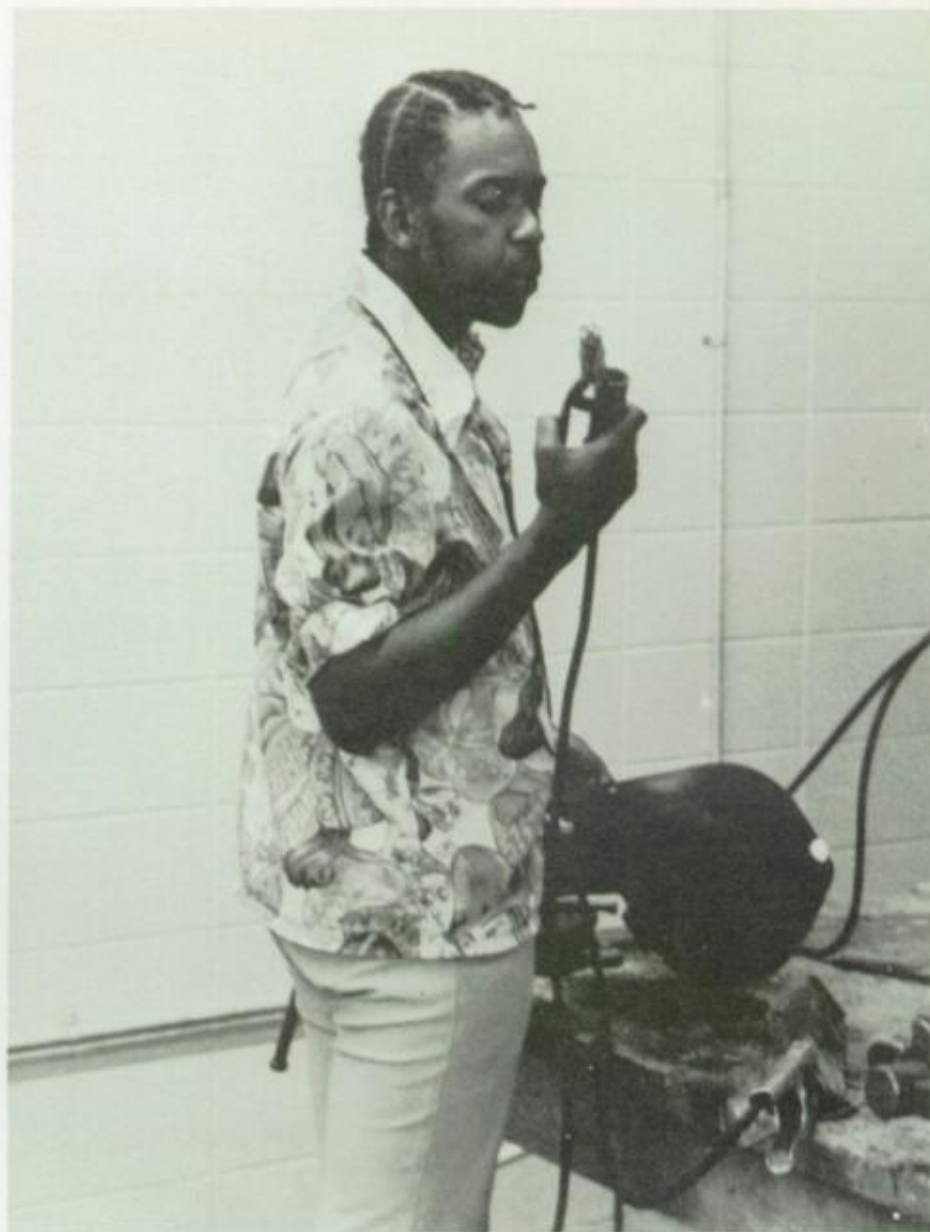




or maybe help others in our
community.

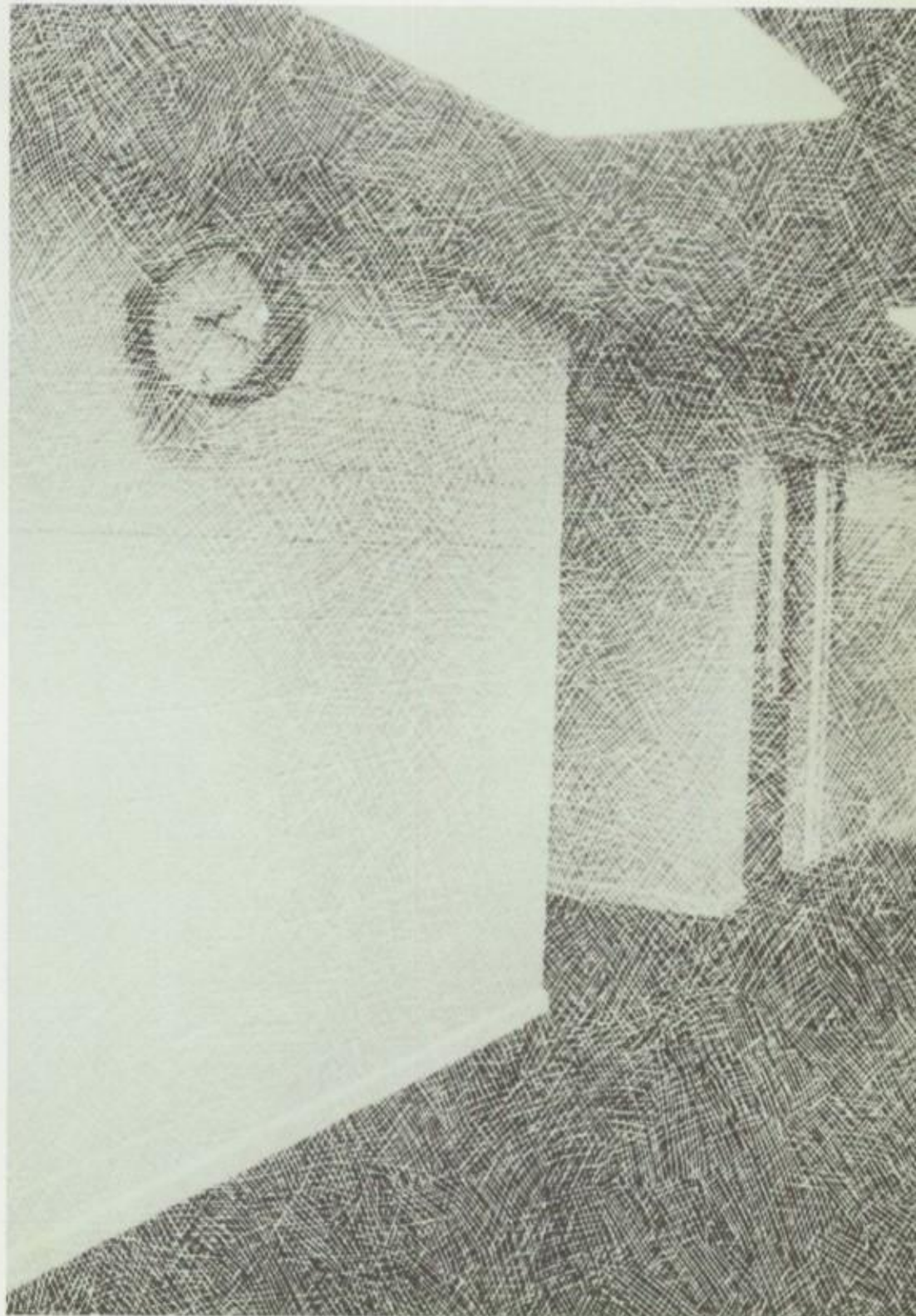


For we know that by helping
others



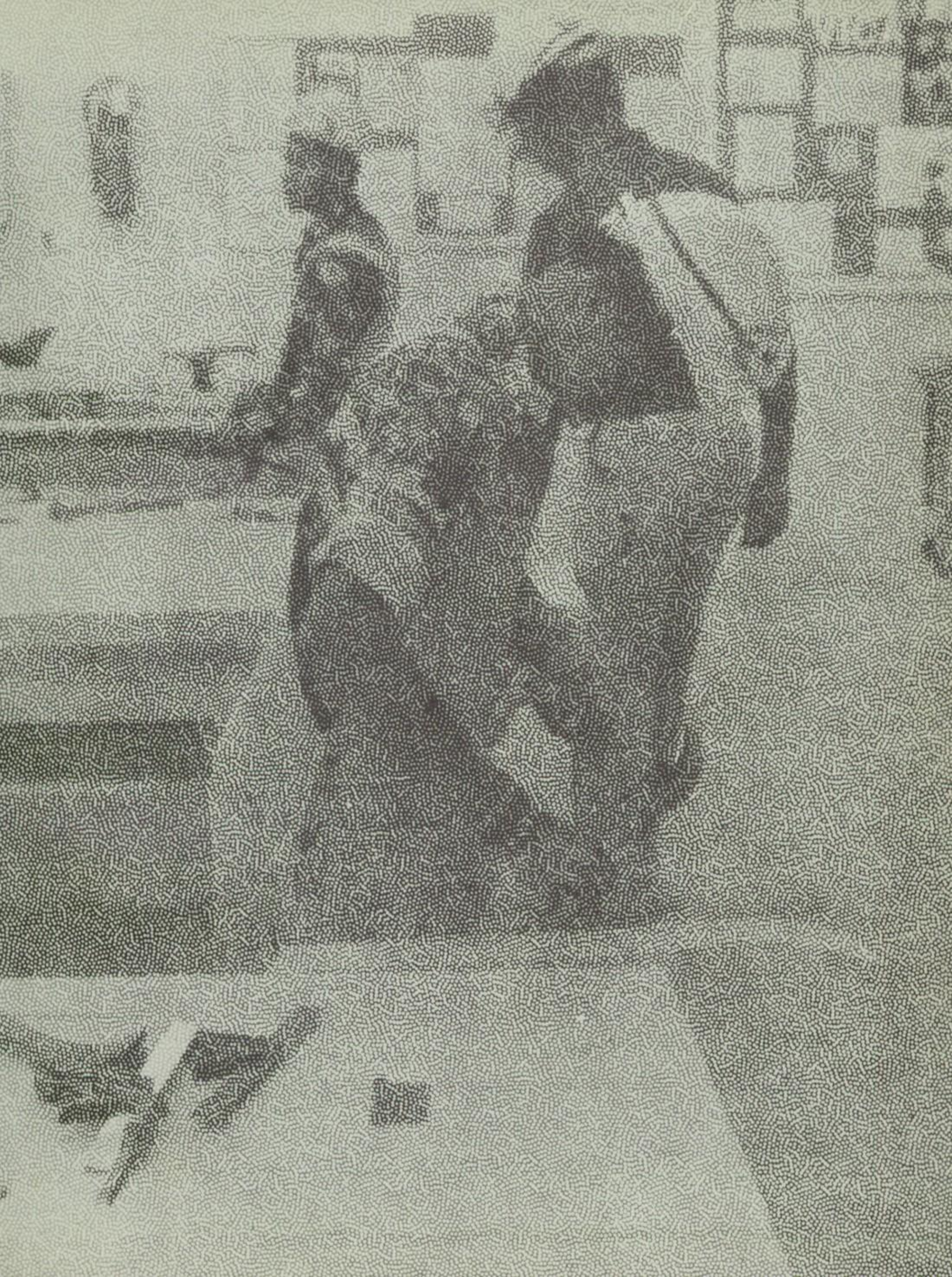


we make the world a better place
to live.



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President—Burk West; Vice President—Dot Axton; Secretary-Treasurer—Betsy Barnett

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Dot Axton and Mark Britt

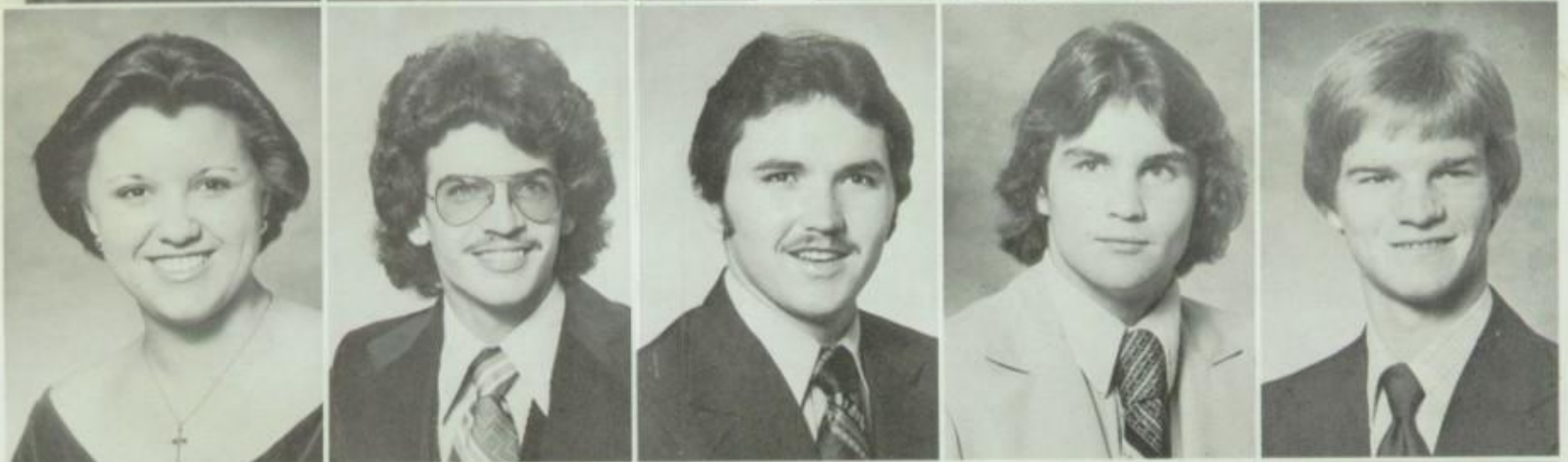
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Teresa Annette
Barney, Robert
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Joyce Marie
Bingham



Linda Jean
Blackwell, Mark
C. Bradford,
Steven Dale
Breland, Mark
Britt, Mark Alan
Brogan



Carroll Edward
Brown, Catherine
Elizabeth Brown,
Janine Denise
Brown, Brian
Franklin
Burnham,
Richard Leo
Bustin



John Grady
Butler, Linda
Joyce Byrd, Jana
Susan Calcote,
William G.
Cason, Patricia
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Chancellor,
William E.
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Colin, Wendy
Marie Collins,
William Scott
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Arlage Michael
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Ann Cooley, Eva
Ilene Cooley,
Curtisine
Cooper,
Charlotte Marie
Craven



Carolyn June
Crumbley, John
Jeffrey Cavis,
Mary Holly
Davis, Shelia
Kim Davis,
William L. Davis



Ruby Inell
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Eugene
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Harold Beaton,
William Brian
Dennis, Sherri
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 Pamela Ailene
 Eggert, Jarold
 Wesley Elgin,
 Thomas O. Ellis



Yvonne Marie
 Ellis, Rhonda
 Carol Fairchild,
 Shelia Finley,
 Thomas Brian
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 Kay Gaskin,
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Dee Hassell,
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Larry M. Hill,
Letitia Lynn
Holder, Clarence
Thomas
Holifield, Mary
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Timothy Wayne
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Rhonda Darlene
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Jamie E.
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Joanna Lynn
Ishee, Thomas B.
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Melinda Sue
Johnston

Barbara Ann
Jones, David
Eugene Jones,
Joy Elizabeth
Jones, Callie
Jordan, Monica
Marie Jordan



William Greg
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Elizabeth Keyes,
David Joe Kux,
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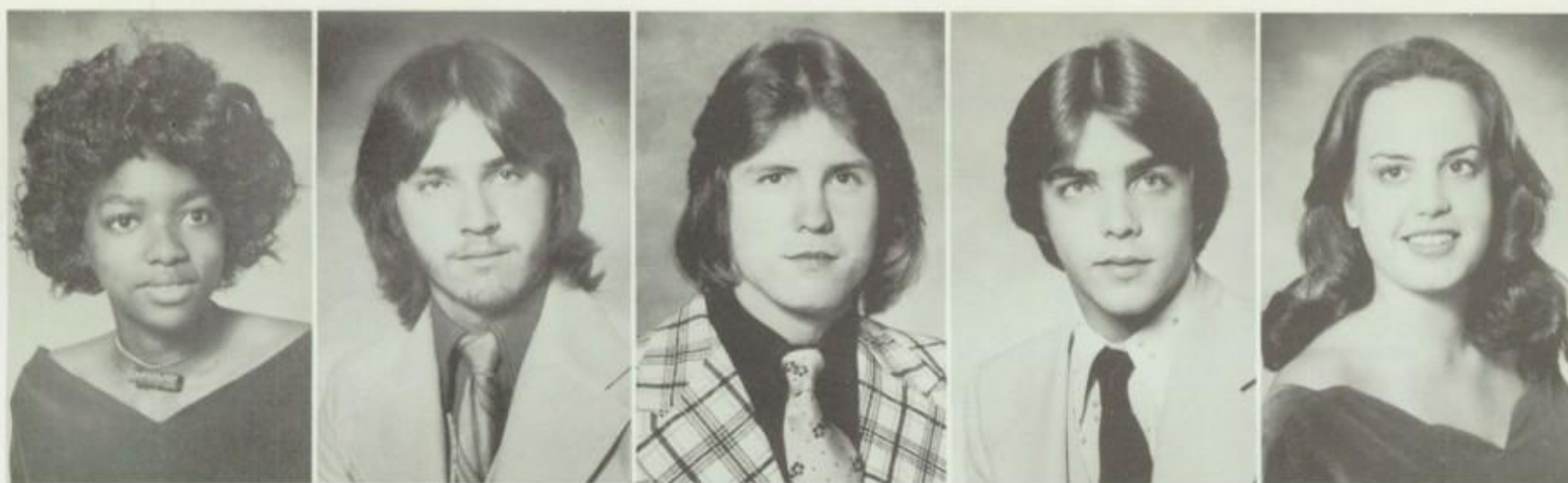


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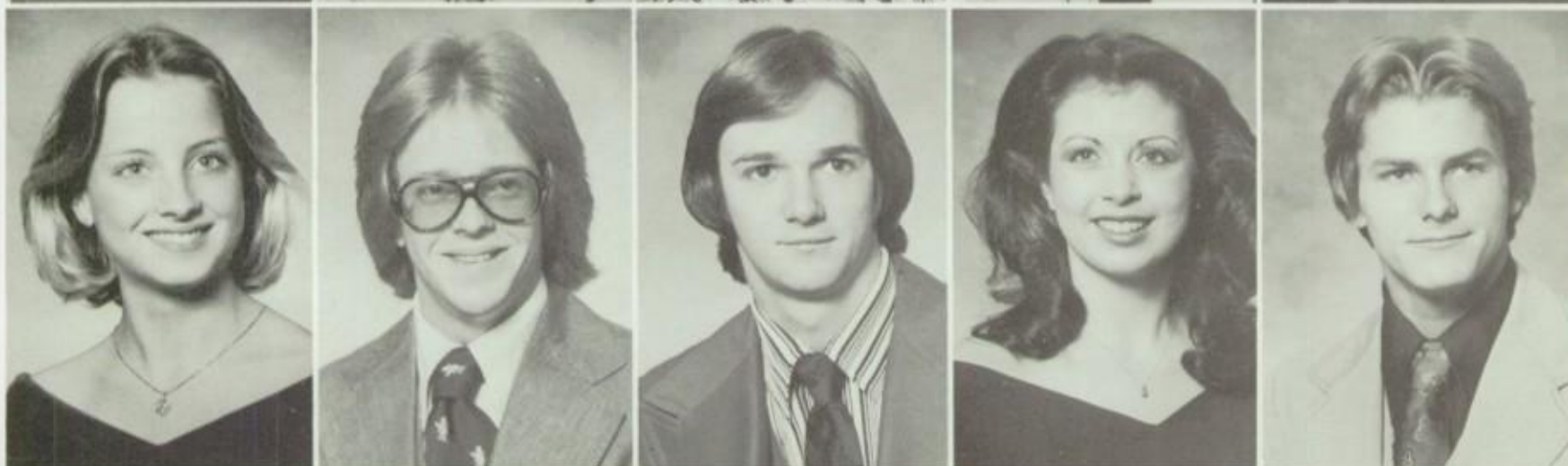


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Greg
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John Patrick
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Karen Leck
Martin,
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Mayfield, Ricky
William
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Michael Tyrone
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Jacquelyn Clark
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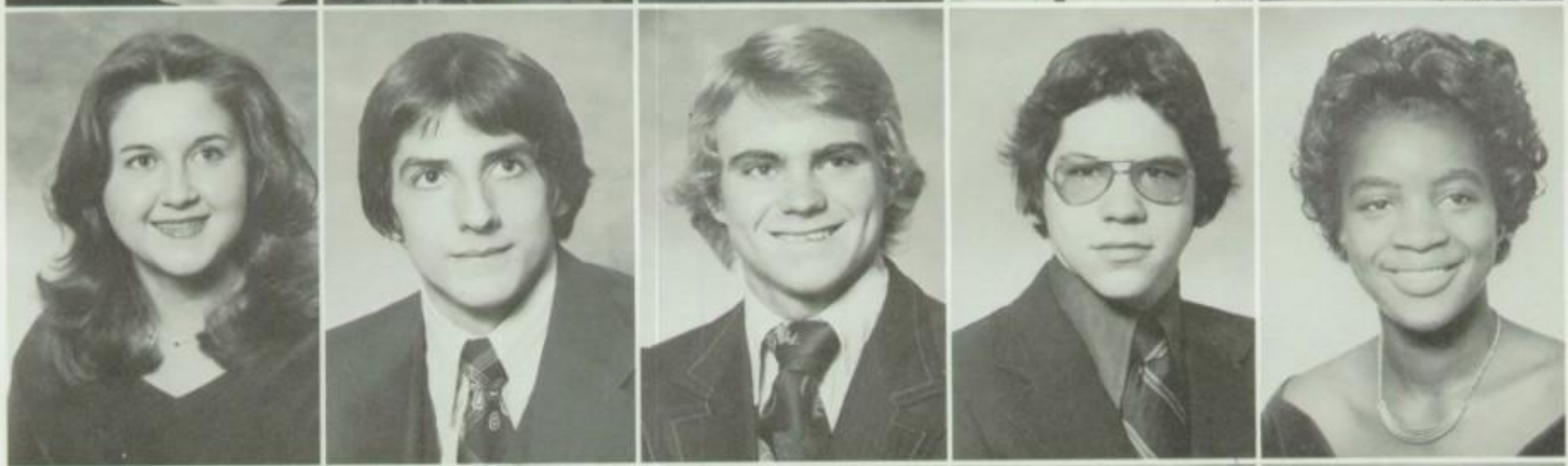
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Elizabeth
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Daniel Richard
Walley, Jr.,
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Margie Lynn
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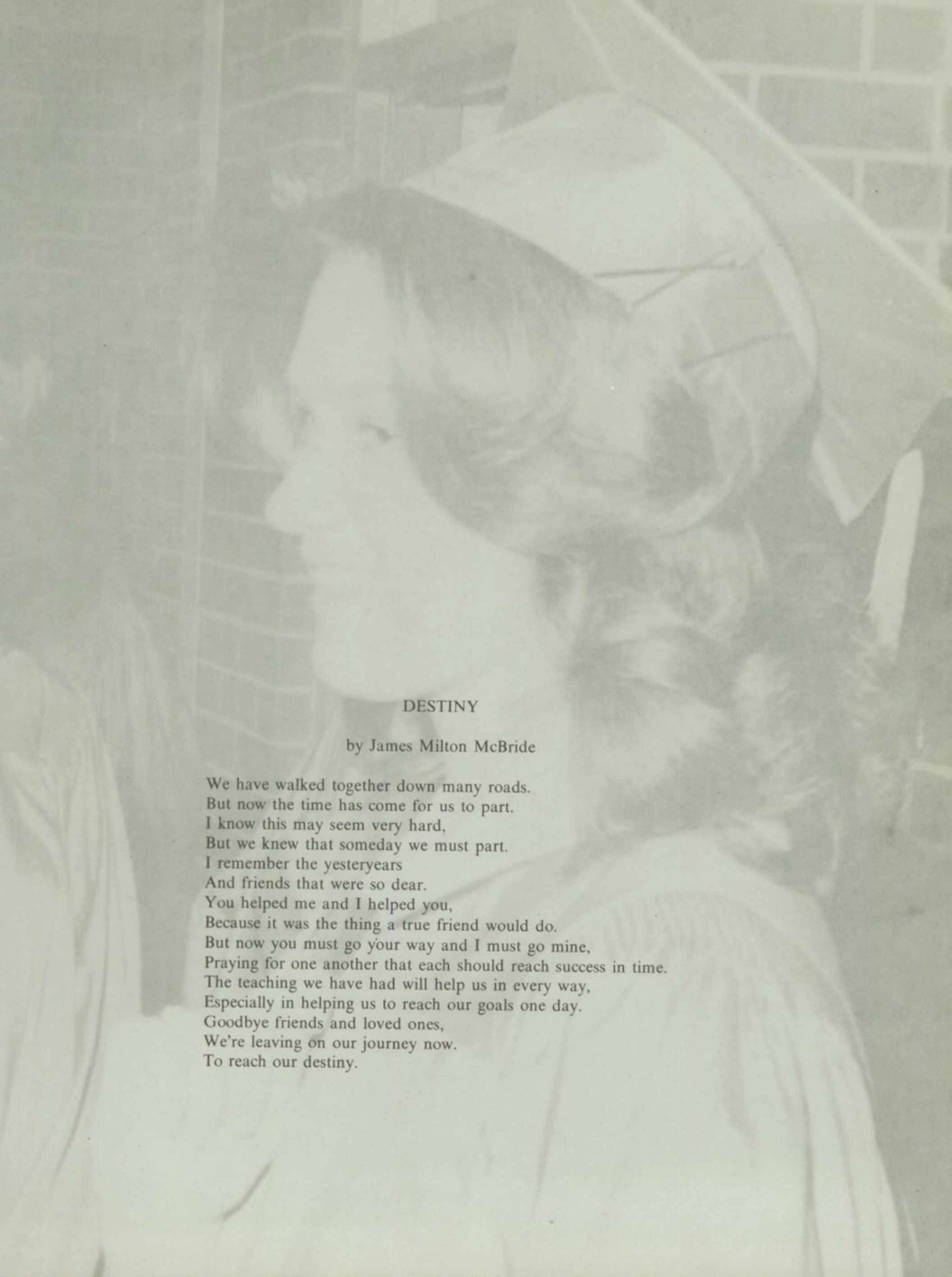


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Gerald E. Wyatt,
Jr.



Michael Martin,
Toni Martin,
Cassandra Ward





DESTINY

by James Milton McBride

We have walked together down many roads.
But now the time has come for us to part.
I know this may seem very hard,
But we knew that someday we must part.
I remember the yesteryears
And friends that were so dear.
You helped me and I helped you,
Because it was the thing a true friend would do.
But now you must go your way and I must go mine,
Praying for one another that each should reach success in time.
The teaching we have had will help us in every way,
Especially in helping us to reach our goals one day.
Goodbye friends and loved ones,
We're leaving on our journey now.
To reach our destiny.

Class Day

Clockwise from right: James Milton McBride read the class poem; Wendy couldn't understand why Richard was smiling so big; Margo delivered "Strength Through Unity"; The senior ensemble in action.





Counter-clockwise from left: A solo by Mark Brogan; Charlie led us in the Alma Mater; Band members made class day come on smoothly; Burk West presented the class gift.



Right Page; Lower left: Dot Axton was presented the Lauren Eastman Rogers Award by former winners Trisha Bush and Marguerite Tew. Lower right: Burk West presented the Frank G. Wisner Chemistry Award to Barbara Bankston. Left Page; Clockwise from Left: We all stood around waiting on the big moment; Robert Lockhart and Cynthia Kimble didn't seem too excited; Ricky concentrated on those steps while Jadee checked out the camera; All of us really dressed our best for Class Day.



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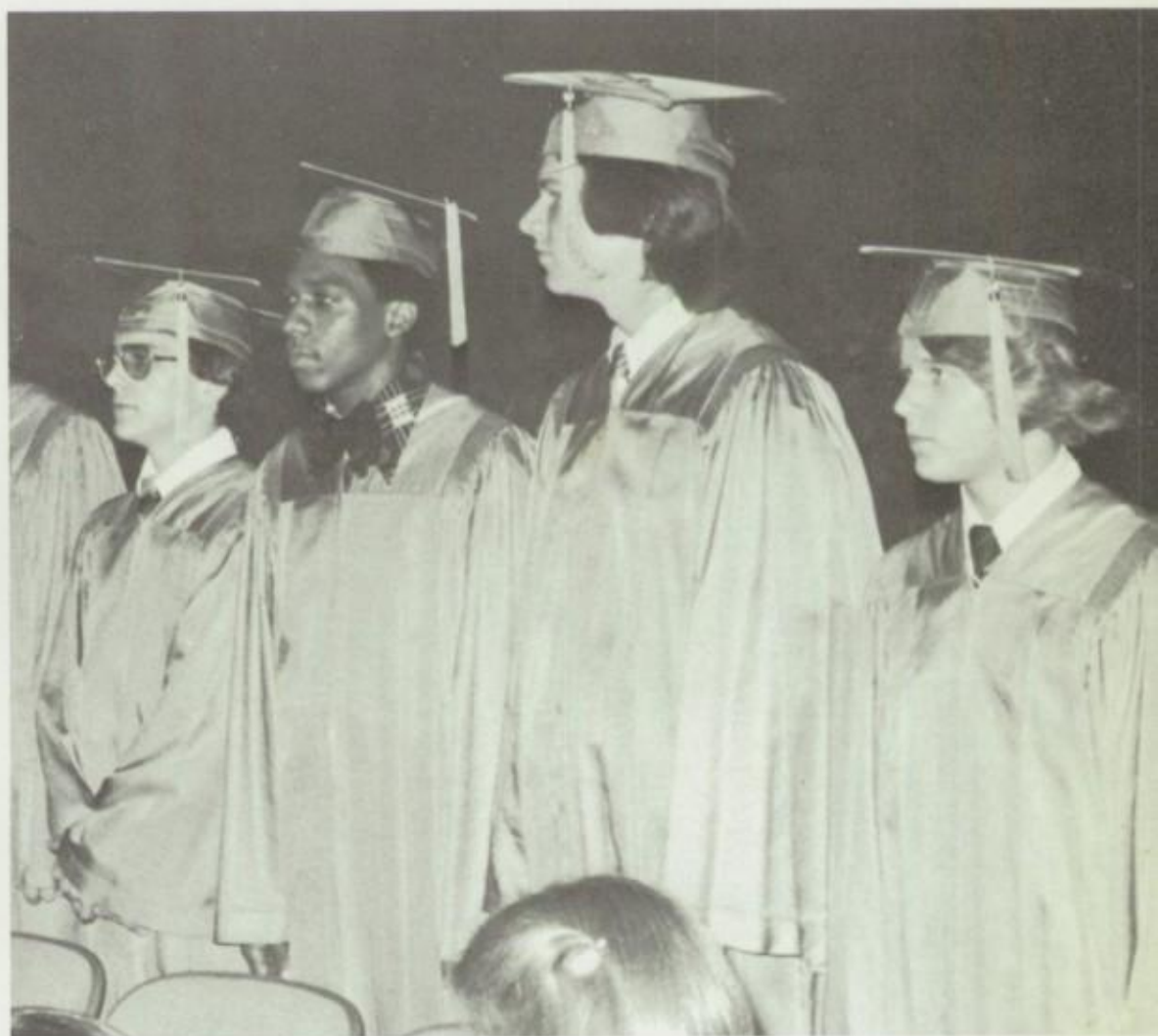


Clockwise from right: Dr. Warnock asked the 1978 graduates to come forward; Brian Burnham was all smiles while Layke Walker reflected over the past years; Jerry and David presented the national colors; Dr. Saul kept the tempo for Mr. Cox who was probably the ONE singing the Alma Mater; Joanna and Katherine escorted the Class of 1978; Dan Walley and Rebecca Adcox sure look serious.





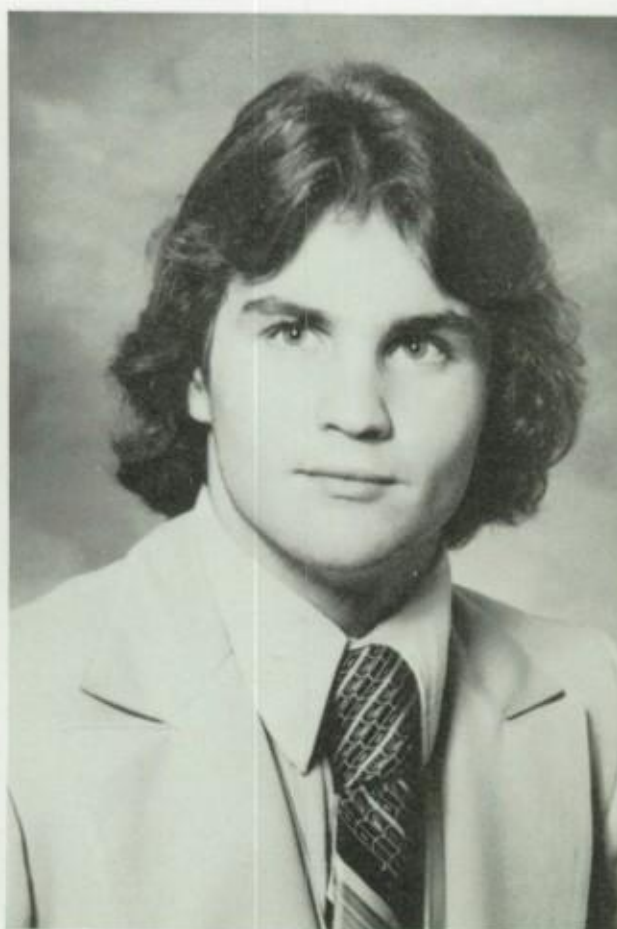
Counterclockwise from left: Suzanne Taylor really let out a yell; Beverly, Marcia, and Leisa sang their last song; "After the exercises let's keep our caps on."; Charlie, Richard, Jeff and Kevin concentrated on the speaker's words.



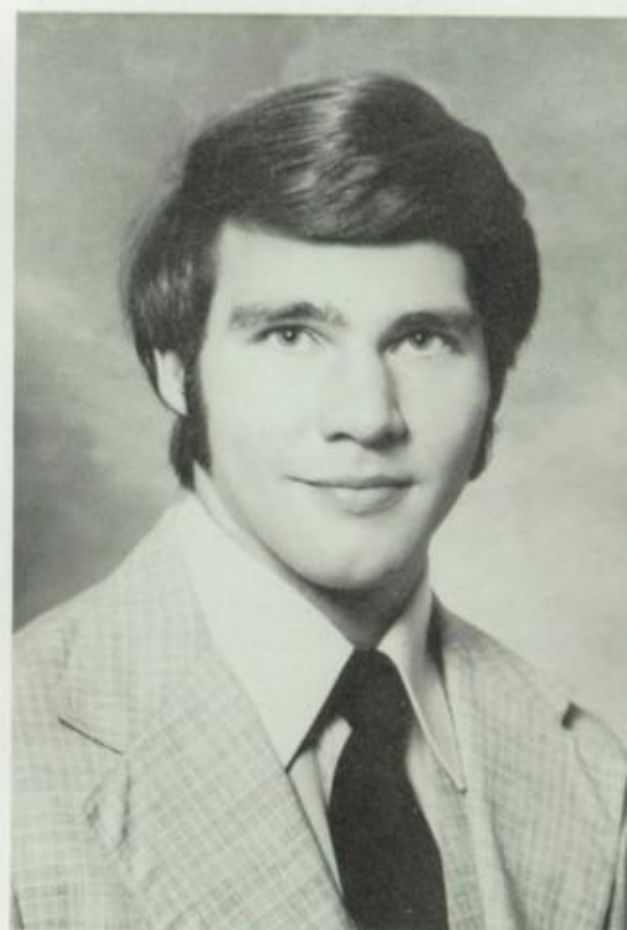
HALL OF FAME



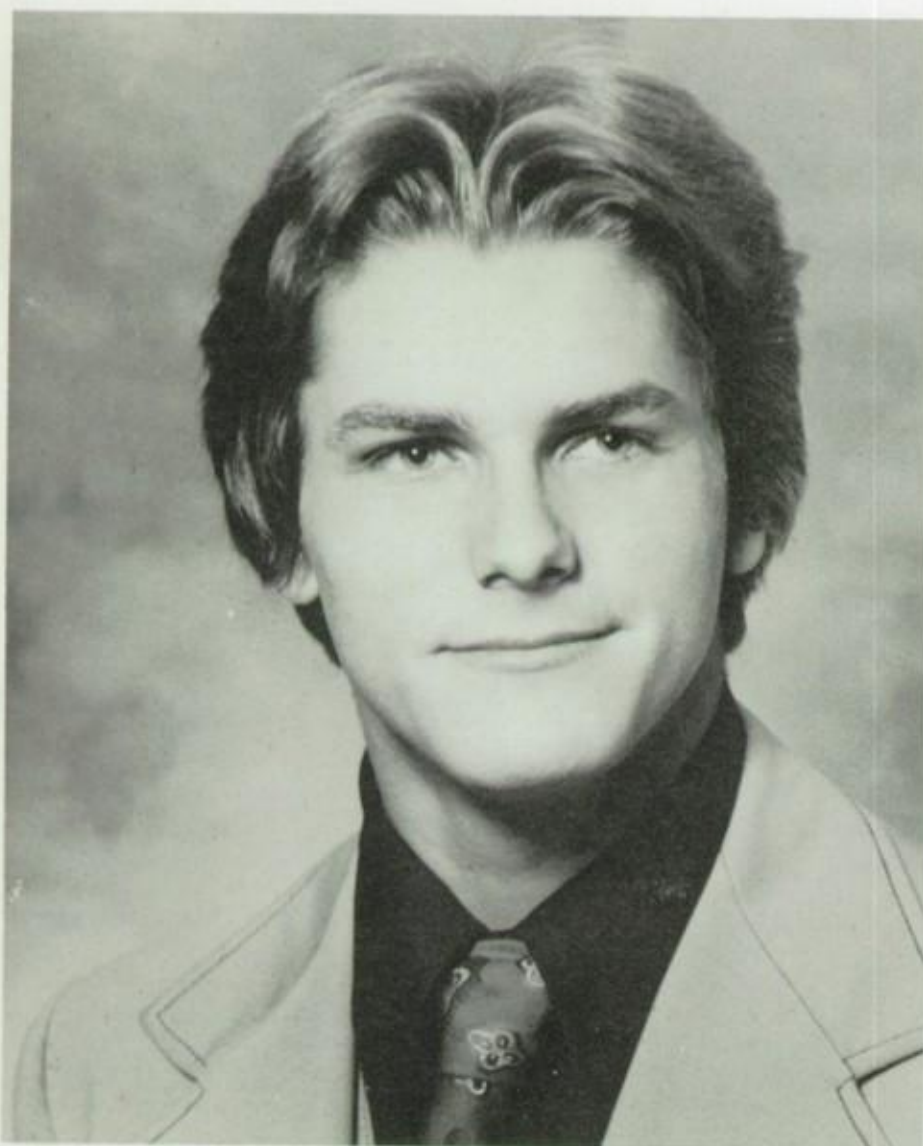
Dorothy Teresa Axton



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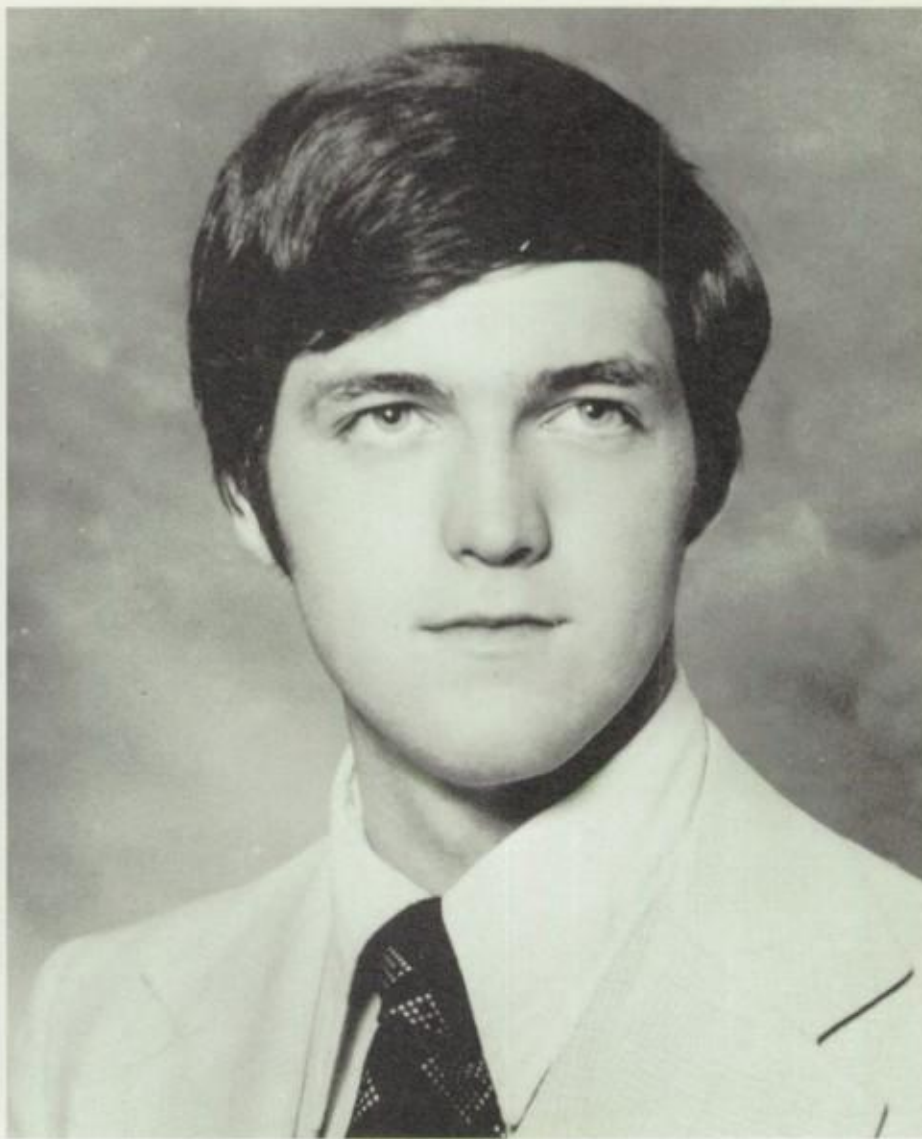
Thomas Lee Miles



Martha Elizabeth Swartzfager



Carolyn June Crumbley



Chris Harold Deaton



Cassandra Ward



F. Burk West

Junior Class Officers



Vice President—Katherine Paige; President—Joanna Corley; Secretary-Treasurer—Cindy Scoper

Junior Class Favorites



Ben Guffy and Laura Alexander

Karen Aaron, Sue Adler,
Laura Alexander, Richard
Anderson, Thomas
Andrews, Adrienne
Armond, Betty Arrington



Cindy Baker, Betty Ball,
Barbara Bankston, Bob
Bankston, Patricia Barnes,
David Barrett, Joey Bassett



Marlan Baucum, Margaret
Beard, Diana Beckman,
Richard Bender, Michael
Bethea, Billy Bishop, David
Bisnette



Dennis Bisnette, Randall
Bobo, Dwight Bolton,
Stephanie Boteler, Ken
Boutwell, Esther Brady,
Sandra Britt



Tad Britt, Jerry Broadway,
Terri Broadway, Earl
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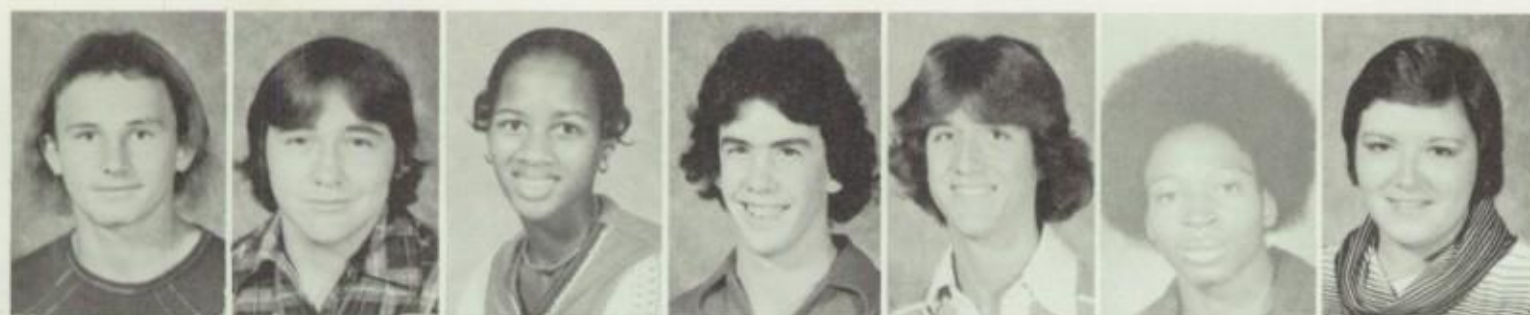


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Cooper, Joanna Corley,
Julie Cranford, Timmy
Cranford





Carl Craven, P.W. Craven,
Dollie Crosby, Chuck
Crumbley, Ken
Cunningham, Allen Dace,
Kim Daly



Joey Davis, Ruby Davison,
Margaret Deavours, Dan
Dees, Leroy Dennis, Billy
Devine, Cassandra Donald



Kenny Dubose, Lawrence
Ducksworth, Leshia
Earnest, Donna Ellzey,
Rinsey Evans, Sandra
Evans, Terri Fairchild



Cecelia Ferguson, Anna
Finnegan, Cynthia
Furgalack, Betty Gallaspy,
Gina Galligan, Phyllis
Gates, Karen Gentry



Bob George, Mary Gibson,
Nan Gibson, Tommy
Gibson, Sandra Giles,
Roger Glenn, Suzanne
Goleman



Leslie Goodwin, Betsy
Gough, Ricky Grant, Lisa
Graves, Ananeki Gray,
Demethra Gray, Ben Guffy



Lee Guffy, Vincent Gully,
David Gunter, Charlotte
Hadley, Deborah Hadley,
Charles Hales, Danell
Hagen



Ann Hall, Leonard
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John Paul Hardy, David
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Harper

Barbara Haskell, Mike
Headrick, Charlene
Henderson, Curtis Hill,
Evelyn Hill, David Hinton,
Gloria Hinton



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Holder, Teresa Holifield,
Bobby Holmes, Laura
Howard, David Howse,
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Victor Hudgies, Nancy
Hurst, Buttons Ishee, Billy
James, Lynnelston
Jefferson, Stanley Jemison,
Susan Jensen



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Virginia Johnson, Edna
Jones, Jason Jones, Mary
Esther Jones



Melissa Jones, Paul Jones,
Victor Jones, Betty Jordan,
Kevin Jordan, Debbie
Joswick, Andrew Karns



Ken Kellams, Mike Key,
Shirley Keys, Vera Keys,
Kevin Kimble, Sandra
Landrum, Lynda
Laurendine



Laura Lindstrom, Susan
Lofton, Linda Loston, Kent
Lyon, Peggy McCarthy,
Adrian McCree, Cindy
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Jamie McCool, Johnny
McCurtis, Catherine
McCurdy, Hilliard
McDonald, Vanessa
McLain, Ricky McSwain,
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Vivian Moody, Gloria Morgan, Beth Morrison, Schannie Moss, James Mulkey, Greg Murrell, Alexander Murry



Dessie Murry, Jeff Myrick, Joel Myrick, Terri Myrick, Debbie Newsome, Mitch Nichols, Norma Nichols



Narland Nicholson, Jim Nix, Andrea Norris, Kendell Norwood, Tood Oliver, Chuck Odom, Micheal Owens



Karen Pace, Katherine Paige, Julie Parker, Connie Parrish, Sandy Payne, Tammy Perdue, Carolene Perryman



Paige Pickering, Russell Pickering, Dena Polleck, Jay Porter, Pat Powell, Paul Powell, Mabel Pruitt



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Lisa Sanders, Cindy
Scoper, Greg Sherman,
Mike Shoemake



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Julie Slade, Connie Smith,
Denise Smith, Raymond
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Karen Soelman, Shari
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Brenda Washington,
Dwayne Waters, Tommie
Watson, George Webb



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Cathy White





Frank White, Tina Whitten,
Brian Williams, Earnest
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Teretha Williams, Willie
Williams



Darlene Wilson, Kelly
Wilson, Dennis Windham,
Lloyd Windham, Doug
Winsette, Terri Wright



Clockwise from left: Gina Galligan brings her favorite dolly to school for show and tell; Cindy Scoper and Dennis Bisnette try to teach the Algebra II class; Beverly Martin just can't seem to get out of that daze.

Sophomore Class Officers



Secretary-Treasurer—Tina Knight; Vice President—Edie Walker; President—Stacey Harris

Sophomore Class Favorites



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Sherri Adler, Christopher
Allen, Dawn Allred, Ravel
Anderson, Suzanne
Anderson, Angela Armond,
James Arrington



Mike Axton, Melissa
Bailey, Willie Lee Barlow,
Edna Bell, Mickey Bell,
Norbert Bell, Tyrone
Benton



Mary Beth Bergin, Melvin
Bethea, Jim Blackledge,
Bruce Blackwell, Barbara
Blakney, Christopher
Blanks, Jimmy Bolander



Karen Boswell, Tommy
Jean Boyd, Iris Bradford,
Buddy Brannon, Jamie
Breazeale, Charles
Breitling, Cynthia Brogan



Greg Brooks, Bill Brown,
Billy Brown, Connie
Brown, Connie Brunson,
Sherri Busby, Bobby Bush



Leann Bush, Joey Butler,
Kathy Butler, Barry Byrd,
Dedra Byrd, Leshia Byrd,
Cindy Carlos



Debbie Carmichael, Randy
Carr, Becky Chandler,
Pernell Christian, Robin
Clark, Glenda Clayton,
Jennifer Clayton



Michael Cobb, Mitchell
Cobb, Bob Coffin, Alfred
Cole, Helen Cole, Ricky
Cole, Laura Coleman





Charlotte Cook, Faye Cook, Carla Cooley, Kenny Craven, Tony Crosby, Clifton Currie, Paul Damlouji



Brenda Davis, Edgar Davis, Judy Davis, Ricky Davis, Linda Davison, Michael Davison, Paul Derrick



Tracey Devine, Randy Dixon, Billy Doggette, Vikki Dozier, Mark Drennen, Janice Ducksworth, Sonya Dyess



Cynthia Earnest, Chris Easterwood, Mary Edwards, Chip Eggert, Ray Ellis, Billy Ray Fairly, James Falkner



Ronnie Fall, Robert Finnegan, Susan Flynt, Tommy Foster, Lee Fuller, Rose Gandy, Charlie Giroux



Charlotte Goldman, Susan Grafton, Kim Gregory, Roger Gresset, Wanda Griggs, Sheila Haggerty, Joey Hagenson



Derek Hall, Donna Hall, Donna Hammond, Dusty Hammond, Gloria Handy, Carl Hankins, Mark Hanna



Michael Hardy, Alphonso Harkless, Jimmy Harrell, Stacey Harris, Elaine Hatten, Jerome Hatten, Randy Hatten

Carolyn Haynes, Marie
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Heidelberg, Sarah Henley,
Diane Herring, Lawson
Hester, Rose Mary Hicks



Mitchell Hill, Wilbur
Hilton, Paula Hinton, Pearl
Hinton, Diana Holifield,
Kim Holifield, Mike
Holifield



Thomas Holifield, Eric
Hollingshead, Tommy
Holloway, Joe Holmes,
John Holmes, Anthony
Hoover, Anita Hopkins



Lisa Horn, Curtis Hosey,
Bobby House, Jackie
House, Micky Howell,
Johnnie Husband, James
Hutto



Karen Ishee, Charles
Jackson, William Jackson,
Linda Jeff, Edith Jefferson,
Sara Jefferson, Elizabeth
Johnson



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Johnson, Michael Johnson,
Deanne Jones, James
Jones, Jerome Jones, Willie
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Dale Jordan, Kevin
Joswick, Chris Keyes,
Murray Keyes, Nicodemus
Keys, Tina Knight, Len
Landrum



Roy Lane, David Ledlow,
David Lewis, Beth Little,
Willie Lofton, Toby Lyon,
Lisa McCann





Johnny McCann, Ricky McClellan, Doris Yvette McCree, Glenda McCree, Tyler McCullum, Angela McCurdy, Willie McCurdy



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James Rowell, Tonya
Ruffin, Melinda Rushing,
Peggy Rushton



Randy Russell, Toinette
Ryan, Tina Sailors, Mary
Sampey, Ronnie Sampson,
Gilbert Satcher, David
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Regina Sims, Mimi Sisson,
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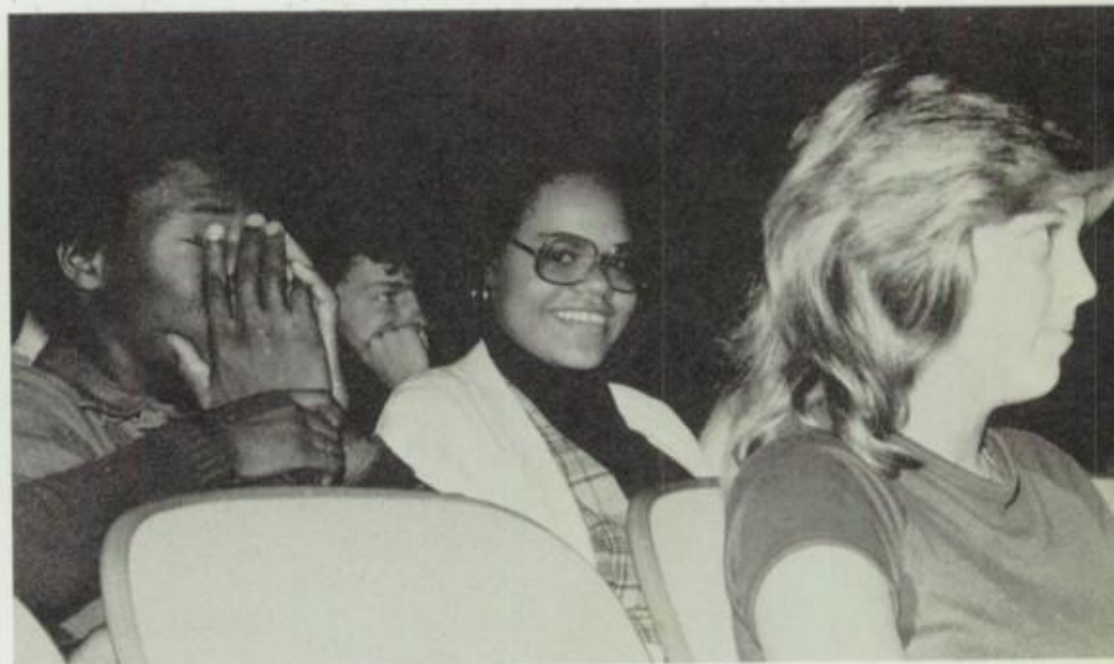
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Anthony Williams, Dorothy Williams, Leasha Williams, Ray Williams, Valarie Williams, Anthony Windham, James Wolverton



Hal Wright, Teresa Yarbrough, Ruby Yeager



Clockwise from left: John Holmes tunes his radio for his science project; Wanda Griggs finds humor in the speaker's talk while Tracey Devine pays close attention; Lawson Hester ponders a judge's question at the science fair.

Recognition Day

Altrusa Club Awards

Most Improved DECA Student:

Boy	Gerry Wyatt
Girl	Brenda McCraw
Public Relations Award	Allison Dewitt
Laurel B & PW Award	Charlotte Craven
Jeanette Wisner Award	Letitia Holder
Laurel Chapter of Mississippi Restaurant Association Award:	
Boy	Thomas Coloman
Girl	Dena Graves
Bausch & Lomb Science Award	Burk West
State Science Fair Winners.....	Laura Alexander

Cindy Baker

Betsey Gough

DAR Good Citizenship Award June Crumbley

DAR Awards in American History..... Barbara Bankston

Marlan Baucum, Mellgwin Chesser, Bob George, Leonard Hambrick,
Laura Lindstrom, Katherine Paige, Wilroy Ratcliff, Doug Winesett

Mathematics Recognition

National Mathematics Examination Contest:

First Place.....	Burk West
Second Place	Paul Duff
Third Place	Ray Smith

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Reporter.....	Sandra Britt

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Gigi Grim
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Deneen Lyon
Dorothy Ann Stone
Janet Taylor
Burk West

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Catherine Brown
Jody Swartzfager

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Donna Lynn Childers
June Crumbley
Chris Deaton
Debbie Duffy
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Bob Bankston
Marian Baucum
Diana Beckman
Lynn Cameron
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Angela Collins
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Lisa McCrary

Joyce Russell

Ray Smith

Dorothy Ann Stone

Marty Swartzfager

Janet Taylor (Treasurer)

Burk West (Vice-President)

Charlene Henderson

Teresa Holifield

Jason Jones

Mary Jones

Laura Lindstrom

Paige Pickering

Cynthia Rawls

Robbie Robinson

Cindy Sooper

Lisa Shell

Denise Smith

Cathy White

Douglas Winesett

Charlie Elkins

Three Arts Club Award.....

Lauren Rogers Library Essay Award..... Joyce Russell

Laurel Leader-Call Journalism Award..... Dorothy Ann Stone

Jones County Music Teachers' Award..... Jeff Pounds

Key Club Jack Craft Scholarship..... Marlene Chancellor

Key Club David Corum Award..... Burk West

Key Club Wally Rahaim Award..... Burk West

Leadership Awards:

Seniors:

Dot Axton

Mark Britt

Margo Middleton

Burk West

Sophomores:

Susan Grafton

Wanda Griggs Malone

Tina Knight

David Seals

Driver Education Awards..... Melvin Bethea,

Tommie Jean Boyd, Lawson Hester, John Holmes, Elizabeth Little,
Robin Ricchetti, Alice Wash

Drug Education Awards..... Laura Alexander

Lisa Allred, Betsy Barnett, Ken Boutwell, Beth Coffin, Wendy Collins,

June Crumbley, Helen Durr, Pam Eggert, Roger Glenn, Melody Han-
cock, Victor Jones, Margo Middleton, Lisa Robinson, Denise Smith,

Susan Tillery, Diane Watkins, Lynn Watkins

National Merit Scholarship Finalists..... Chris Deaton

Burk West

Quill and Scroll Recognition Dot Axton,

Mark Britt, Chris Deaton, Debbie Duffy, Lelia Ann Ducan, Bill Gran-
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First Year..... James Wilkins

Second Year..... Corniel Bridges

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Carpentry.....Robert Benton
Masonry.....Jimmy Bruner

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Robert Benton

Recognition in VICA:

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Silver Medal, Club Business Procedures.....Randy Carr
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State Vice-President.....Robin Ricchetti

Recognition in FBLA

State FBLA Winners.....Charlotte Craven
Cindy Harris
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David Seals
David Welch

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Recognition in Instrumental Music:

Spirit and Attitude Award.....Leslie Monson
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Tau Beta Sigma Outstanding Bandswoman.....Gigi Grim
Malcom M. Flowers Award.....Mark Brogan

Recognition in Speech:

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Drama Award.....Lelia Ann Duncan
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First Place State Winners.....Donna Childers,
Gina Galligan, Liz Gavin, Kay Martin, Terri Steele, Becky Waggoner,
Gerry Wyatt
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Scholarship

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Laurel Negro B & PW Scholarship

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University Band Scholarship, St. Luke's
Baptist Church Scholarship

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Scholarship

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Wendy Collins.....Virginia Isabella Robinson Scholarship

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Laurel Negro B & PW Scholarship

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Negro B & PW Scholarship

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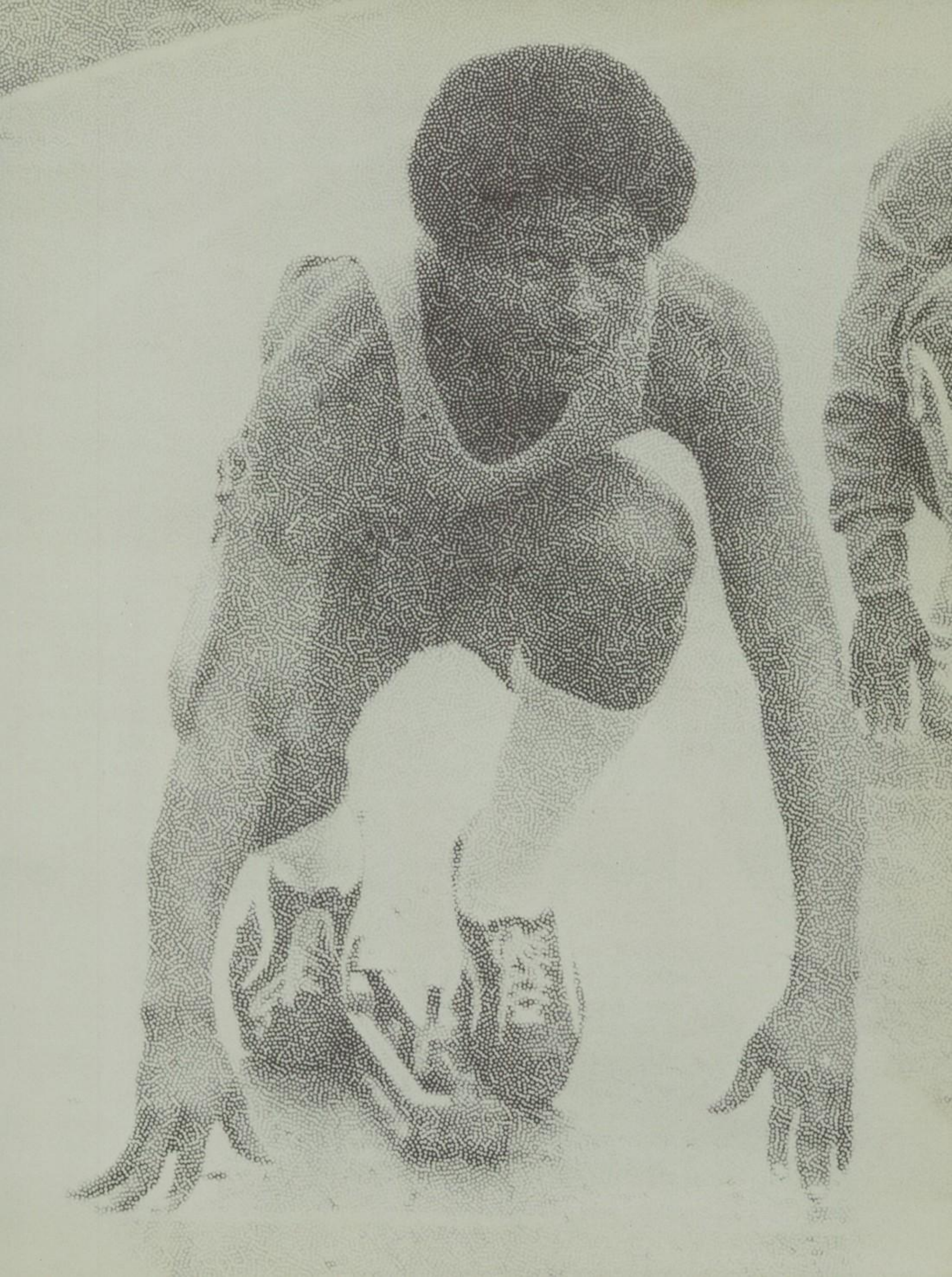
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Carroll Brown.....Appointment to West Point

Eddie Ruth.....William Carey College Basketball Scholarship

SPORTS





The 1977-78 Laurel



6-Wilroy Rateliff, 7-Chris Easterwood, 9-Brian Burnham, 11-Tony Taylor, 12-Tim Cranford, 14-Chuck Odom, 15-Jay Reeves, 18-David Barrett, 20-Todd Oliver, 21-Chuck Middleton, 22-Carroll Brown, 23-Joel Myrick, 24-Bob Coffin, 25-Rocky Whitten, 26-David Powell, 29-Buddy Brannon, 30-Brian Dennis, 31-Jimmy Bolander, 32-Charlie Giroux, 33-Larry Hill, 35-Mark Stringfellow, 36-Carl Craven, 37-Mike Triplett, 40-James Mulkey, 41-Miguel Lewis, 42-Randy Hatten, 43-Curtis Hill, 44-Jay Porter, 45-David Martin, 46-Willie Barlow, 47-Dwight Bolton, 49-LeRoy Dennis, 50-Claude Manning, 51-Billy Bishop, 52-Ronald Cotten, 53-Lawton Coleman, 54-Billy James, 55-Robert Finnegan, 56-Kenny Smith, 57-Tommy Holloway, 58-Robin Wansley, 59-Mark

Golden Tornadoes



Temple, 60—Greg Brooks, 61—Mike Headrick, 62—Joe Pruitt, 63—Dan Blakeney, 64—Donnie Hutchinson, 65—Lewis Bryant, 66—Marvin McCurdy, 67—Ken Boutwell, 68—James Russell, 69—Mark Hanna, 70—Ernest Williams, 71—Michael Sampson, 72—Jason Jones, 73—David Hinton, 74—Mike McBride, 75—Eric Hollingshead, 76—Greg Cason, 77—Randall Bobo, 78—James Manning, 79—Lee Miles, 80—Ronnie Sampson, 81—Willie Jones, 82—Bob Bergin, 83—Paul Powell, 84—Michael Barrett, 85—John Paul Hardy, 86—Lynnellon Jefferson, 87—Victor Hudgies, 88—Alfred Cole, 90—Randy Myric, 91—Lawrence Duckworth

Meridian—6, Laurel—3

The Laurel Tornadoes had defeated the Meridian Wildcats for five straight years. However, the Wildcats were determined to be victorious. The ball changed hands several times during the first quarter due to fumbles. At the end of the first quarter the score was 0-0.

On a second quarter play, Tony Taylor bobbled an exchange with fullback Rocky Whitten and Meridian's Mark McCormick fell on it at the Tornado 15. Meridian quarterback Butler handed off to tailback Don Mosely for the only TD of the game.

In the third quarter Brian Dennis split the uprights from 30 yards out for a three pointer.

The fourth quarter was marred with penalties as both teams tried in vain to mount scoring drives but costly fumbles killed their chances.

FINAL SCORE: MERIDIAN—6, LAUREL—3

Clockwise from the right:

Coach Shows doesn't understand this play; Tony Taylor rushing the ball; Offensive line clears out a hole; The Tornado defense crushing the Meridian Wildcats.





Pascagoula—12, Laurel—8

Laurel's record fell to 0-2 as the powerful Panthers invaded Laurel.

A pass of 21 yards from Palmer to Randy Clarr was the first TD of the night. The PAT was not a success leaving the score 6-0.

Laurel's only TD came when Taylor dropped back and found Cranford in the end zone with a 16-yard TD toss.

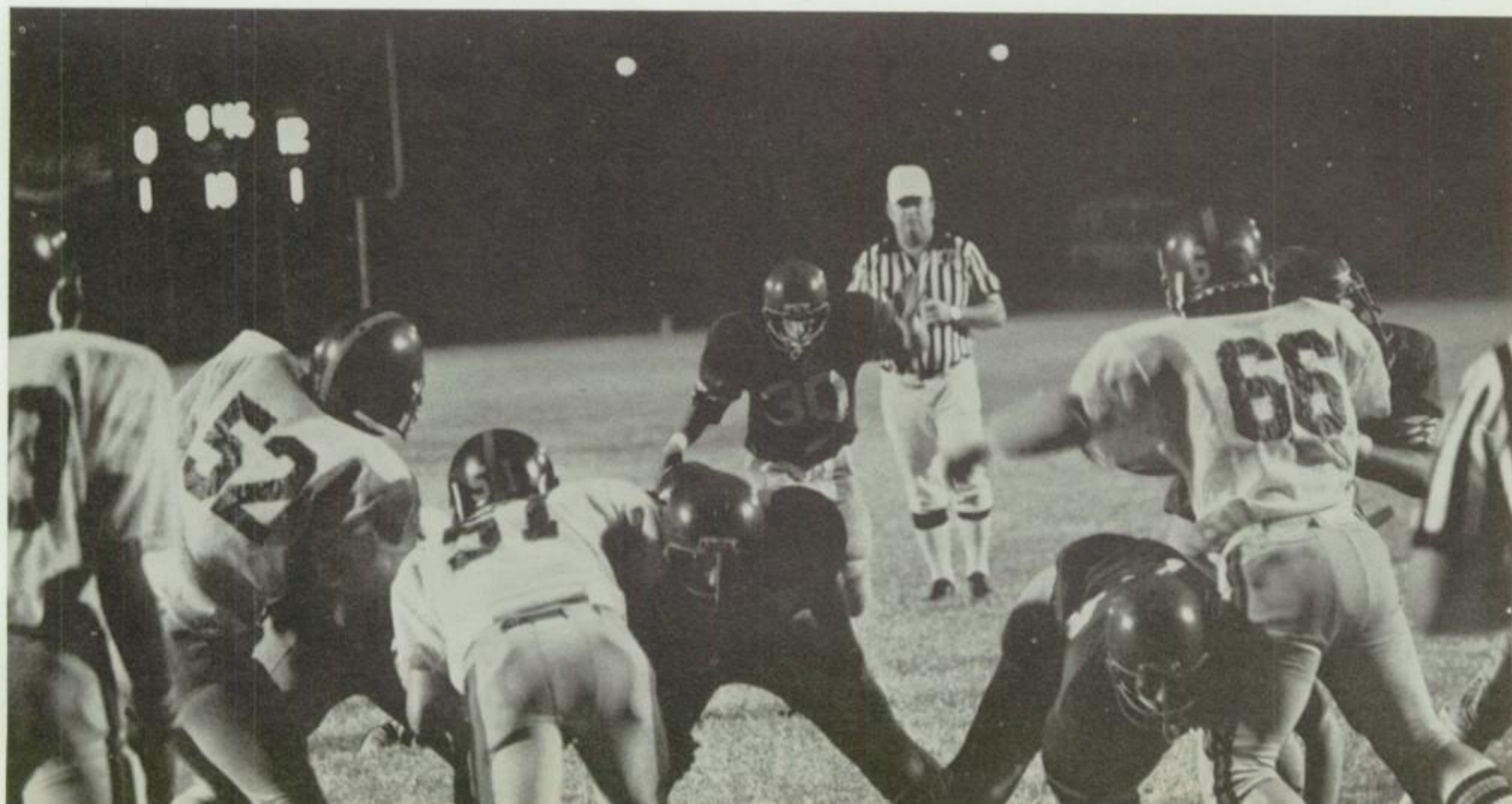
Brian Dennis came in to attempt PAT, but a low snap from center caused Taylor to pick up the football and race around left end for 2 points. The score 8-6 with 10:40 left in the game.

Three Tornado defenders got a shot at the speeding Panther on the run, he got loose and ran a 96-yard TD to end the game.

FINAL SCORE: PASCAGOULA—12, LAUREL—8

Counterclockwise from the left:

Coach Calcote discussing the game plan; The Tornado runner scrambles for the gain yardage; Brian Dennis connecting for the extra point; Todd Oliver breaks through the line for a gainage.



Biloxi—7, Laurel—10

Laurel captured the first win of the season over the undefeated Biloxi Indians.

After a scoreless first half, Todd Oliver returned the second-half kickoff for 45-yards to mid-field.

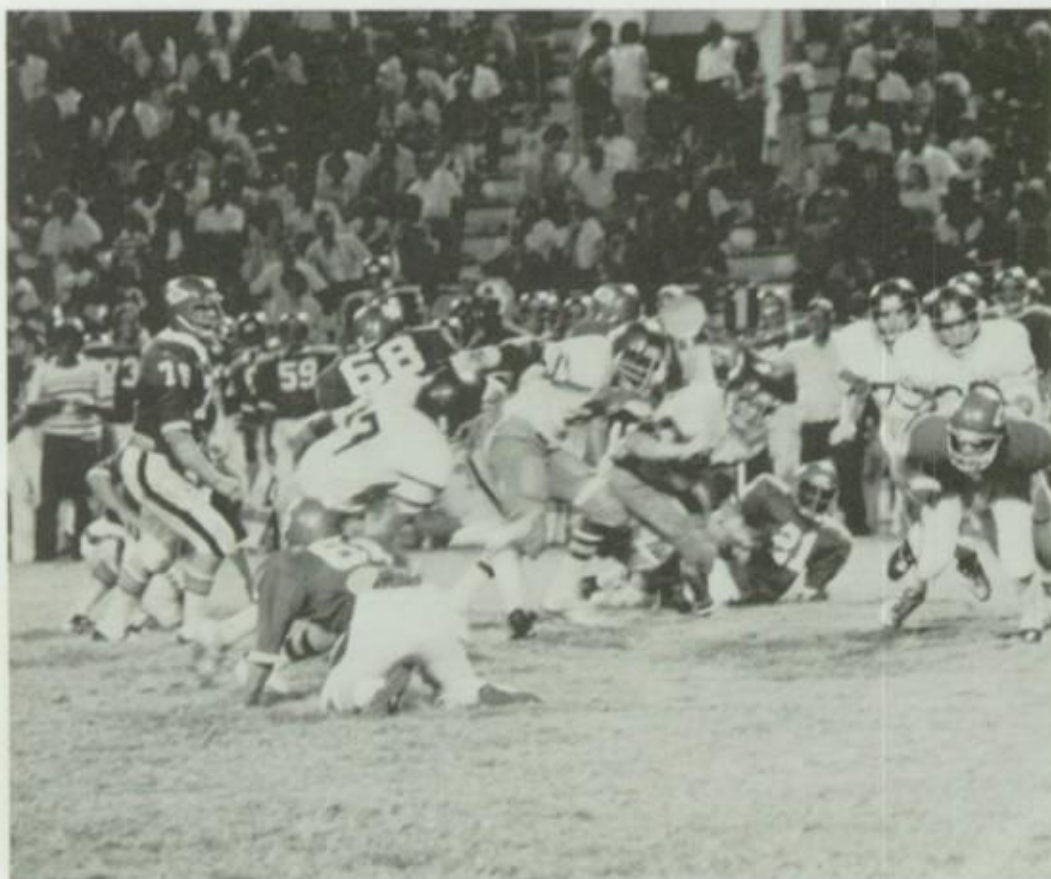
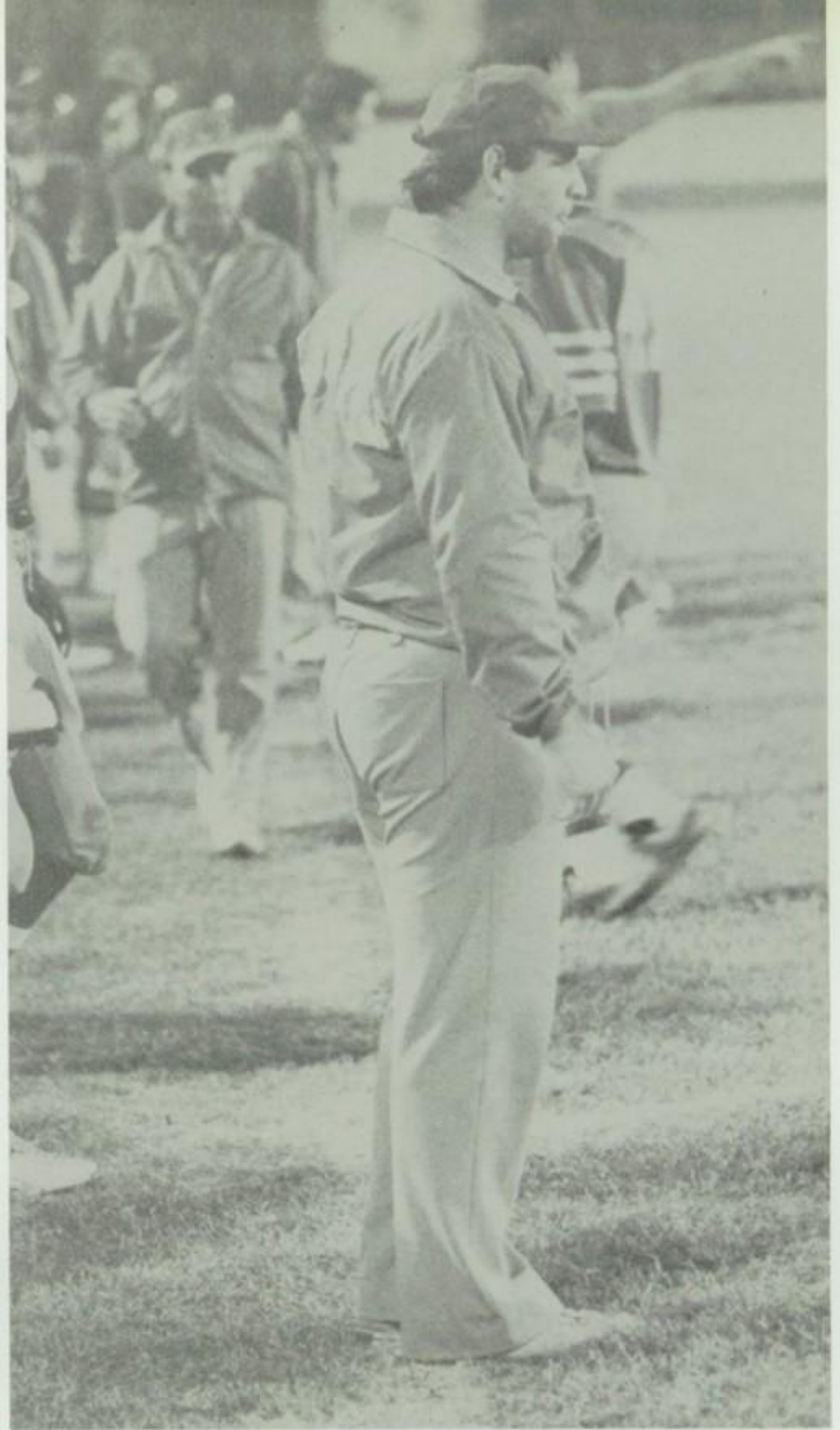
Dennis started the nights scoring with a field goal after the Tornadoes drive was stalled at the Indians 16.

After the kickoff, tailback Johnny Brown broke on an end sweep of 67 yards for a TD and Brudgage kicked the successful PAT. Later TD and then Dennis added his PAT kick.

FINAL SCORE: BILOXI—7, LAUREL—10

Clockwise from right:

Coach Henry over looks the mighty Nader line; Brian "Piccolo" Dennis kicking the extra point; The Defense is swarming on the Biloxi Indians; Michael Barrett running the ball, while James Perry Manning blocks for him.





Moss Point—14, Laurel—0

The Laurel Tornadoes dropped their record to 1-3 after traveling to the Gulf Coast. The Tornadoes took the opening kickoff at the 10 yard line, and Jay Porter carried it out to the Laurel 38. On the first play from scrimmage, Rocky Whitten ran the ball up the middle to the Moss Point 47, for the first down. Moss Point took over on their own 9, where they began to move the ball. Defensive plays by "Ace" McCurdy, David Hinton, Bob Bergin, and Jay Porter held the Tigers at the Moss Point 29.

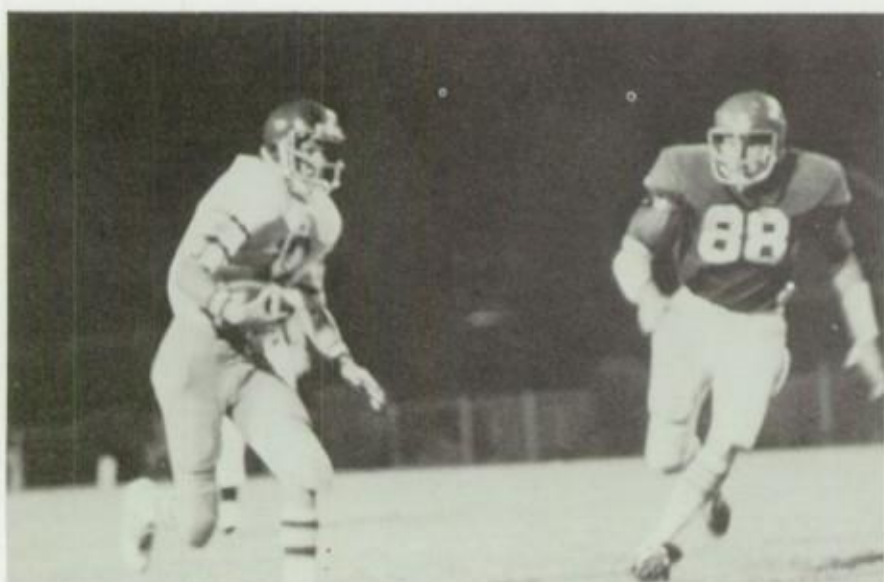
Beginning the second half, runs by Todd Oliver and Tony Taylor earned the Tornadoes a first down at the Laurel 40, but were later forced to punt. Micheal Sampson picked up a fumble and McCurdy intercepted a Moss Point pass.

After a scoreless half, Moss Point took their second series of the 3rd quarter and drove 40 yards in 9 plays for a TD.

Three plays later, the Tigers scored and kicked the extra point, making it 14-0, in the 4th quarter.

FINAL SCORE: MOSS POINT—14, LAUREL—0

Counterclockwise from left:
Wilroy Ratcliff warming up for the game; Timmy Cranford running the ball for a Tornado TD; Coach Henry scolding "Ace" McCurdy and Lawrence Ducksworth; The Tornadoes fighting for the ball.



South Natchez—17, Laurel—7

Laurel received the opening kickoff and marched down field from their own 23 with the running of Todd Oliver and the screen passes of Tony Taylor to Oliver and Micheal Barrett. However, the drive bogged down at the South Natchez five-yard line.

Laurel picked up some action in the second half with the work of the defense. Finally, with 2:40 left in the third quarter, Laurel drove two-thirds the way down the field to put its points on the board. The score came after a run by Taylor. Brian "Piccalo" Dennis kicked the extra point and ended the scoring for the night.

FINAL SCORE: SOUTH NATCHEZ—17, LAUREL—7

Clockwise from the right:

Coach Boler and Jones possessing before game; Tony Taylor carries the ball through the mud; Mike Triplett with the ball and Tim Cranford in blocking position; Timmy Cranford handing the ball off to Todd Oliver.



Picayune—0, Laurel—7

The Laurel Tornadoes raised their season record to two wins after defeating Picayune. In the opening minutes of the game, the defensive credit went to Joe Pruitt, "Ace" McCurdy, David Hinton, Lawrence Ducksworth, Victor Hudgies, and David Powell.

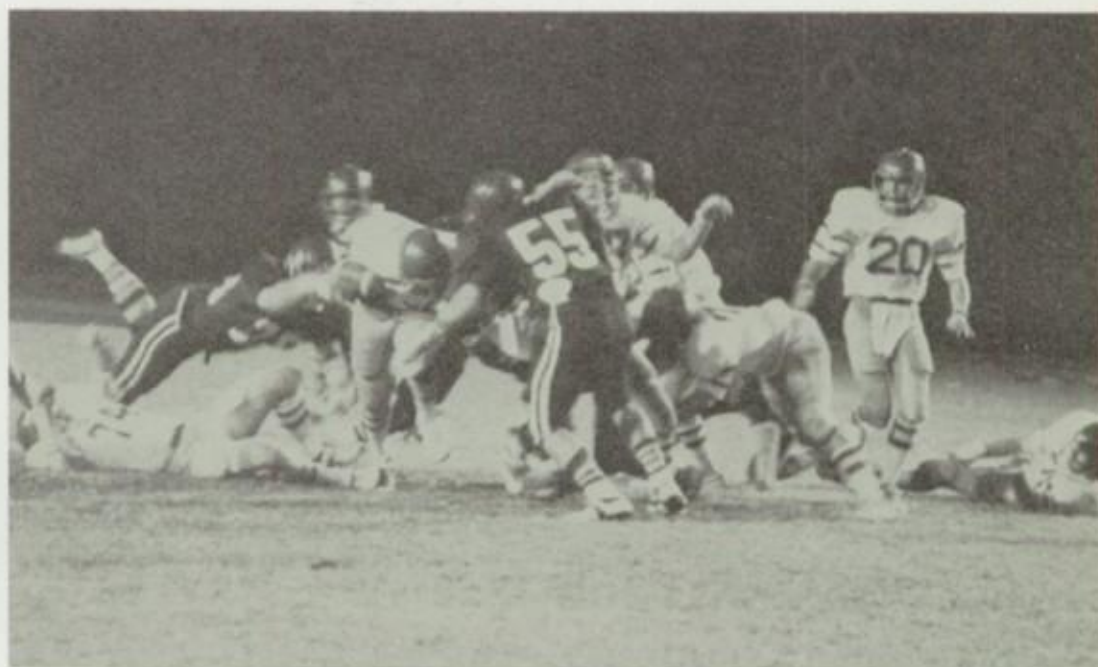
Laurel's first drive began on their own 45, after a 15-yard punt return by Michael Triplett. Timmy Cranford passed to Todd Oliver for 4 yards and David Martin carried another six for the 1st down. Martin picked up 13 yards for another 1st down.

Later Laurel took the ball at the 39 on a pass intercepted by Brian Dennis. Laurel drove a total of 61 yards in seven plays for the game's only TD. Cranford passed 20 yards to Barrett for a 1st down at the Picayune 40. Martin then carried twice for 7 and 18 yards and another 1st down. Cranford passed to Michael Barrett for the TD. Brian Dennis kicked the PAT.

FINAL SCORE: PICAYUNE—0, LAUREL—7

Counterclockwise from the left:

Coach Jones looks the game over; David Martin struggling for Laurel; The defensive line is ready for the play; Mike McBride and his teammates fighting for the ball.



Brookhaven—13, Laurel—41

Laurel won the Homecoming in style with victory over the Brookhaven Panthers. In the first quarter, Tony Taylor ran from one out to make the score 6-0.

In the second quarter, Todd Oliver blasted in the end zone for TD No. 2. Later, Timmy Cranford passed to Oliver for a 28 yard TD pass.

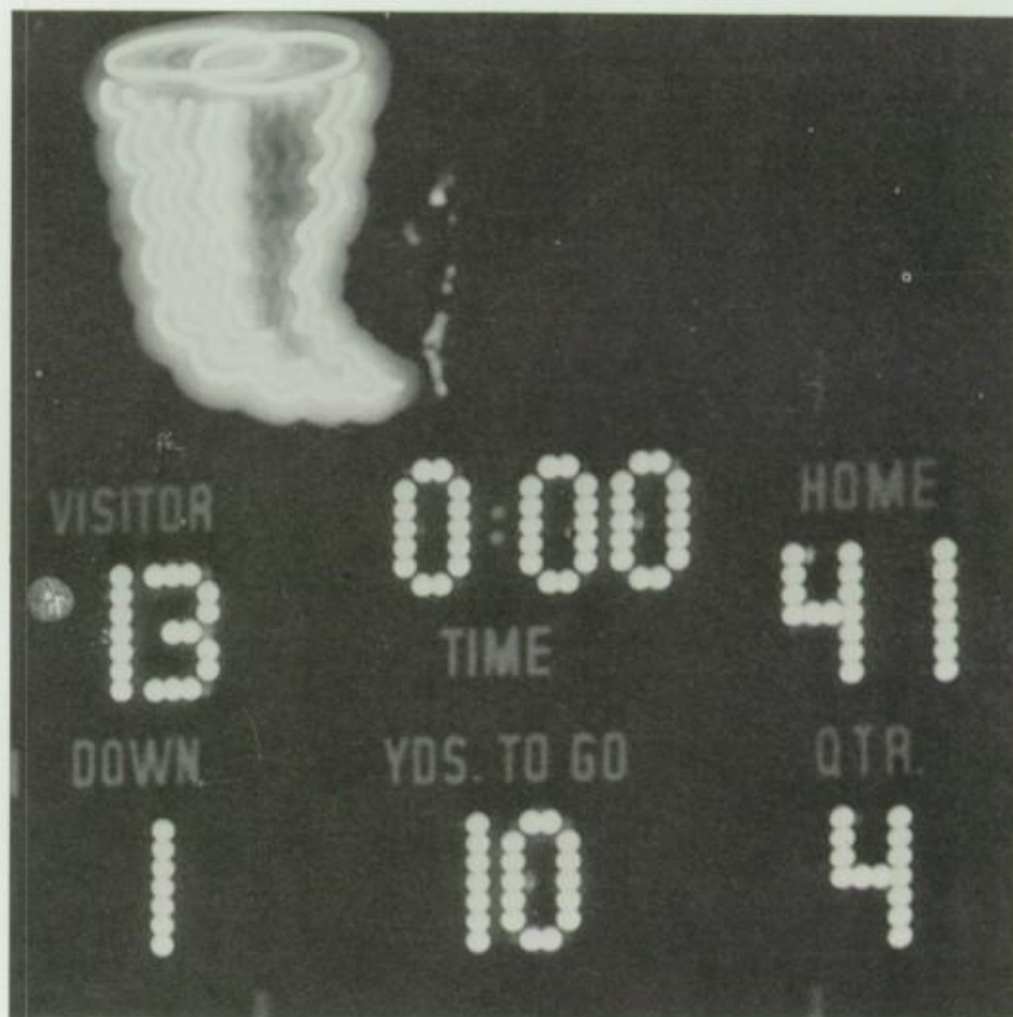
On the beginning of the second half, Cranford passed to Micheal Triplett for a 12 yard TD pass. Running back Charlie Giroux bolted in from 8 yards out to up the score to 34-0.

Brookhaven finally got on the board when quarterback Richard Smith passed 28 yards to end Chester Chism for one TD and threw eight yards to Michael Thomas for the other TD. The Tornadoes got another score on a 10-yard run by Miguel Lewis.

FINAL SCORE: LAUREL—41, BROOKHAVEN—13

Clockwise from the right:

Coach Shows' players just don't understand; The Tornadoes final score for Homecoming; The offense handling the ball; The Naders deciding what to do next; The line getting ready for the play.





North Natchez—17, Laurel—0

The Watkins High Tornadoes walked off the field with mixed emotions following a 17-0 defeat at the hands of the North Natchez Rams.

The Rams had gotten on the board early with a first quarter field goal of 38 yards. In the second quarter, Rams quarterback Harry Anderson threw a 49 yard pass to flanker Tyrone Williams to increase the score to 10-0.

In the second half, Anderson again threw to Williams, this time for a 27 yard touchdown pass. This made the score 17-0.

As the game wore toward the first stages, Laurel got possession twice inside the Rams' 20 only to have fumbles, lose yardage, and kill its chances of catching up.

FINAL SCORE: NORTH NATCHEZ—17, LAUREL—0



Counterclockwise from the left:

Walking the field ready to enter in the action; The Tornadoes hustling with spirit; Timmy Cranford punting for the Tornadoes; Dr. Waites overlooking the hard working Tornadoes.



McComb—0, Laurel—14

The Watkins High Tornadoes whipped the McComb Tigers 14-0 with a couple of touchdowns and a safety.

In the first quarter Charlie Giroux bolted through the Tiger defense on a 5 yard run. The PAT was no good and the score was 6-0. In the very next set of downs, McComb's fullback Moochie Allen tried to go wide and Marvin "Ace" McCurdy and Victor Hudgies broke through to down him in the end zone for a two-point safety. In the early moments of the second quarter, McCurdy turned hero again. The Tornadoe linebacker fell on a Tiger fumble at the McComb 8 shortly after Timmy Cranford had boomed a 44-yard punt dead at the McComb 8.

Laurel set up shop again and Martin, the big full-back, went in from six yards out for the TD on the drive play, after a pick-up of 2 yards on the first play. The score was then 14-0.

The remainder of the game was spent by both teams stopping the other.

FINAL SCORE: McCOMB—0, LAUREL—14

Clockwise from the right:

Todd Oliver hustling with the ball; Charlie Giroux carrying the ball; John Paul Hardy tackling the McComb Tigers; The Tornadoes get a lot of support from our fans; Victor Hudgies racing for the ball.





Hattiesburg—7, Laurel—26

The Laurel Tornadoes won the "Little Brown Jug" for the fourth straight year. On the first play from scrimmage Tiger quarterback Scotty Sheffield fumbled and Tornado defender Bob Bergin fell on it at the Tiger 25. Runs by Giroux, Brown, and Martin led to the first touchdown of the night for the Tornadoes.

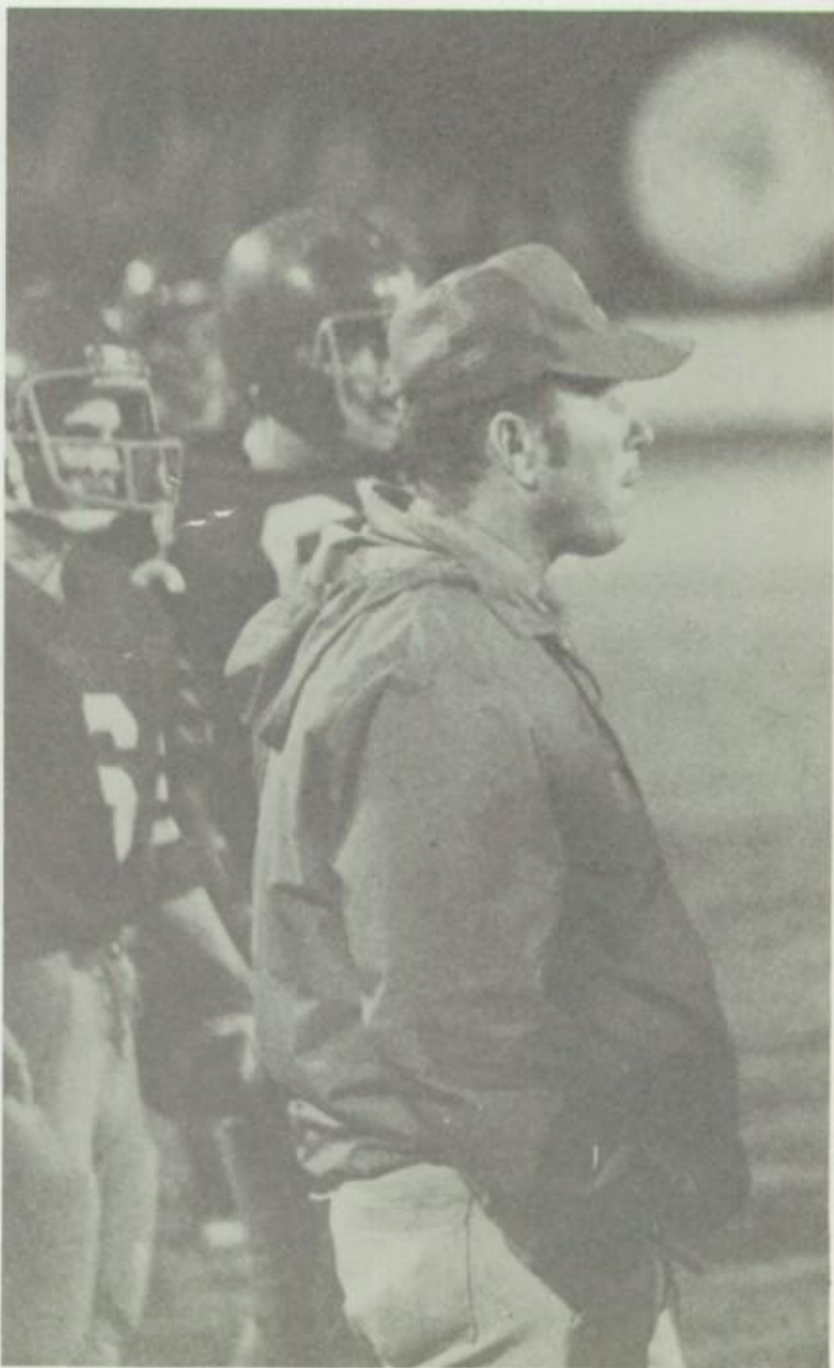
In the second quarter, a field goal by Dennis and a touchdown by Martin increased the score to 16-0. With 2:00 left before intermission, Victor Huges separated the ball from Tiger quarterback Jeff Eure and David Hinton fell on the fumble. From there, Laurel moved upfield with the running of Charlie Giroux. The drive bogged down at Tiger eight and Dennis booted a field goal to make the score 19-0 at halftime.

In the second half, Timmy Cranford passed to Triplett for a 37-yard touchdown. On the following kickoff, Harrington broke up the sideline for 94 yards and the Tigers' only score of the game.

FINAL SCORE: HATTIESBURG—7, LAUREL—26

Counterclockwise from the left:

The Tornadoes winning over the Hattiesburg Tigers; Coach Boler discussing the plays with the team; Tony Taylor carrying the ball and his teammates blocking; Coach Gatwood watching his team beat the Tigers.



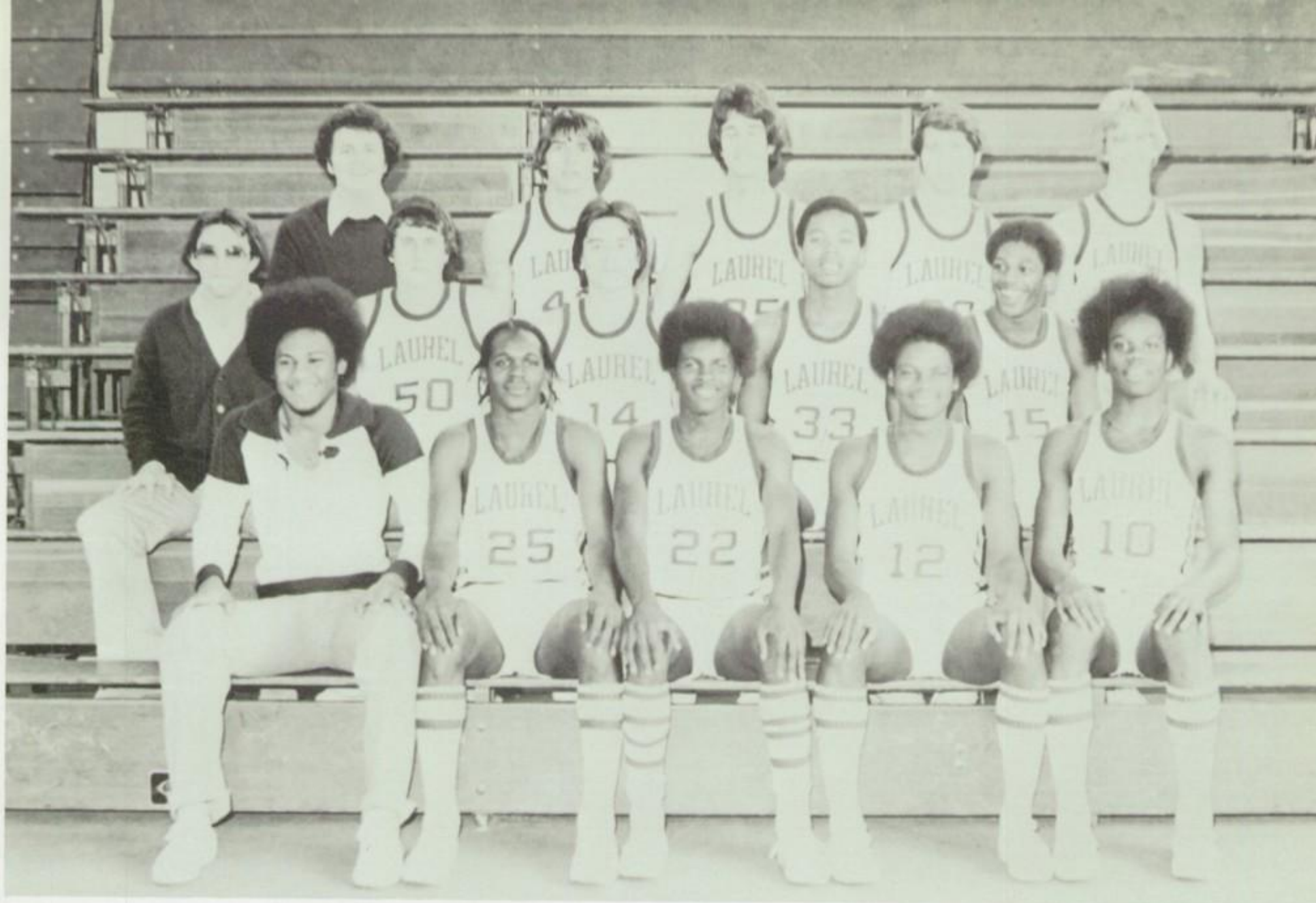
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North Natchez	52
McComb	61
Moss Point	66
Heidelberg	63
Gulfport	104 (Gulfport Tournament)
Pascagoula	73 (Gulfport Tournament)
Petal	66
Carthage	55 (Morton Tournament)
Forest	62 (Morton Tournament)
Morton	87 (Morton Tournament)
Hattiesburg	62
Biloxi	81
Harrison Central	78
Bay St. Louis	54 (Harrison Central Tournament)
Biloxi	101 (Harrison Central Tournament)
Picayune	52
South Natchez	49
Brookhaven	80
Hattiesburg	46
Hattiesburg	59 (Central Big Eight Tournament)
Heidelberg	56
Moss Point	68
Picayune	41
Meridian	67
Northeast Jones	44 (District 5 Tournament)
West Jones	65 (District 5 Tournament)
Meridian	64 (District 5 Tournament)
Biloxi	89 (South State Tournament)



Clockwise from left: Head Coach Robbie Carr; Front row left to right: Darnell McCoy, Eddie Rogers, Richard Bender, Terry Thigpen, Stanley Ward. 2nd row: Donnie Hutchinson, Kevin Kimble, Al Taylor, Curtis Dean, Mitchell Cross. Back row: Bob Bankston, Eddie Ruth, Victor Jones, Carroll Brown, Dale Jordon.

The Laurel Golden Tornadoes ended the season with a 13-16 record. The team earned a District Position because of extreme effort at play-off time. For the 77-78 season, Eddie Ruth was chosen captain of the team.

'Naders to the South State

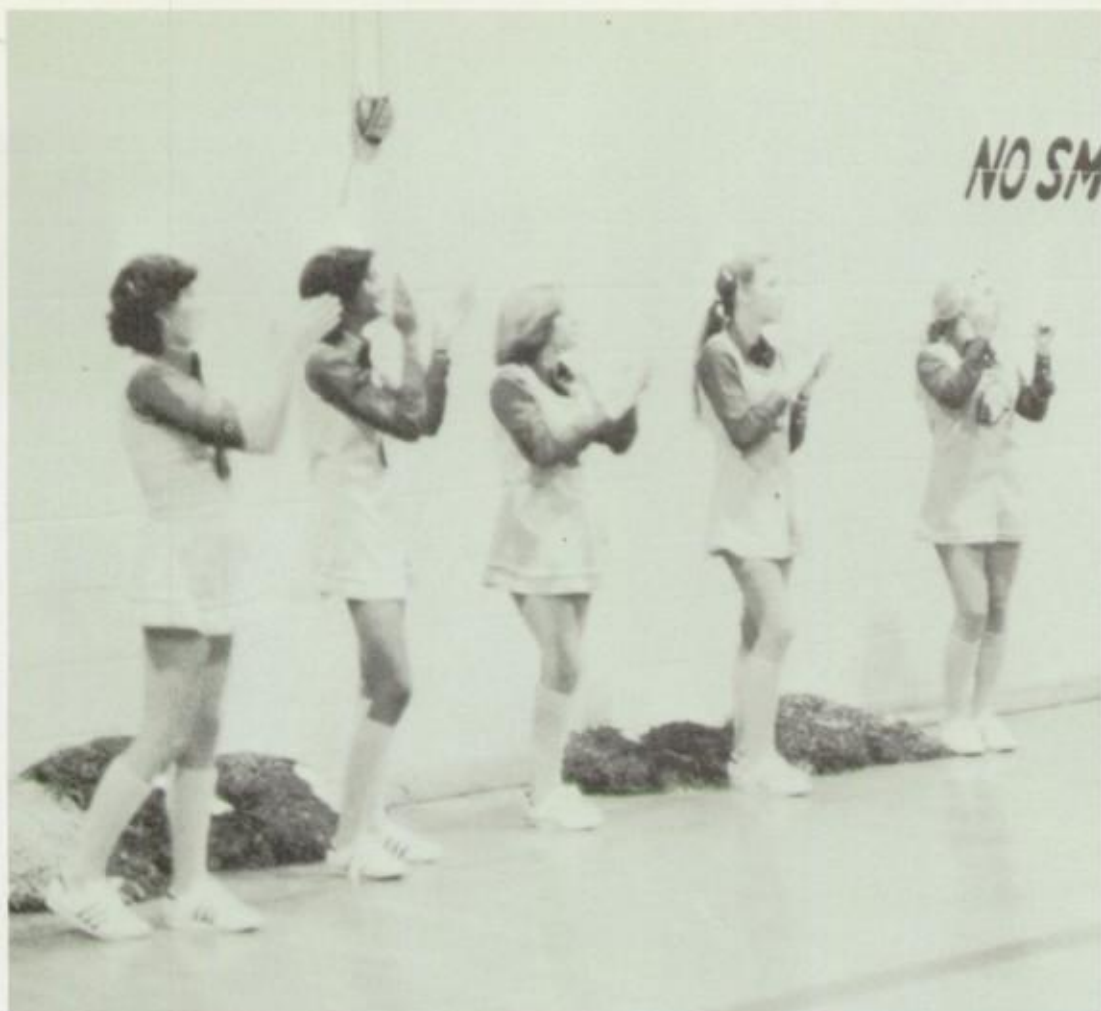


Ruth wins honors.

For the second year in a row, Ruth was selected to the Central Big '8' Team.

Clockwise from right: Eddie's hustling improves the game; Eddie Ruth putting one in the basket; Richard Bender fighting for the ball.





'Naders do well in tournament play.

Naders finished runners-up in the Morton Tournament and District V Tournament.

Counter clockwise from left: The Laurel cheerleaders warming up for the games; Terry Thigpen shoots his free throw; Stanley Ward lays up two against North Natchez.



Members Win Honors

During the Gulfport Tournament, Eddie Ruth was placed on the Tournament All Star Team.

Stanley Ward and Eddie Ruth received the honors at the Morton Tournament by being selected to the Morton Tournament All Star Team. In addition, Eddie Ruth was selected as Most Valuable Offensive Player.

Clockwise from right: Billy Armstrong preparing for the shot; Kevin Kimble taking a free throw; Everyone showing team effort.





Players Make All-Tournament Teams

After the Harrison Central Tournament, Eddie Ruth landed a position on the Tournament All Star Team.

Eddie Ruth and Stanley Ward were selected to the All District V AA Team.

Counter clockwise from left: Stanley Ward throwing in a point for Laurel; Eddie Ruth out jumping the opponent South Natchez; Eddie Ruth dunking for the Tornadoes.



LADY TORNADO BASKETBALL

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Petal	21
Philadelphia	48
Heidelberg	36
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George County	44
Picayune	24
South Natchez	22
Brookhaven	34
Hattiesburg	40
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Brookhaven	42
Heidelberg	37
Moss Point	38
Picayune	30
WCHS	31
Meridian	31
Hattiesburg	35
West Jones	26
Harrison Central	51



Clockwise from left: Coach Gary Gordon; Team photo, left from right: Sandy Ward, Pearl Hinton, Teresa Rose, Alice Wash, Judy Ridgeway, Shelia Andrews, Beverly Martin, Mittie Heidelberg, Dollie Crosby, Sandra Bolton, and Helen Rentz.

The Girls Basketball Team finished the season with a successful 19-8 record. Under the direction of Coach Gary Gordon, the girls finished their best season yet.

Congratulations on an excellent season!!



Team members selected to Tournament Teams.

Shelia Andrews and Sandy Ward were selected to the All Central Big Eight Team.

After the Gulfport Tournament, Shelia Andrews and Pearl Hinton were selected to the Tournament All Star Team.

Clockwise from right: Awaiting the rebound; Beverly Martin shooting for the Tornadoes; Helen Rentz and Teresa Rose fighting for the Tornadoes.





More honors for our team.

Shelia Andrews and Sandy Ward were selected to the All-District 5 Team.

Mittie Heidelberg was selected to the All South Mississippi Tournament Team.

Counter Clockwise from right: Sandra Bolton putting in two points; Shelia Andrews jumping up for the tip-off; Pearl Hinton ripping the net.





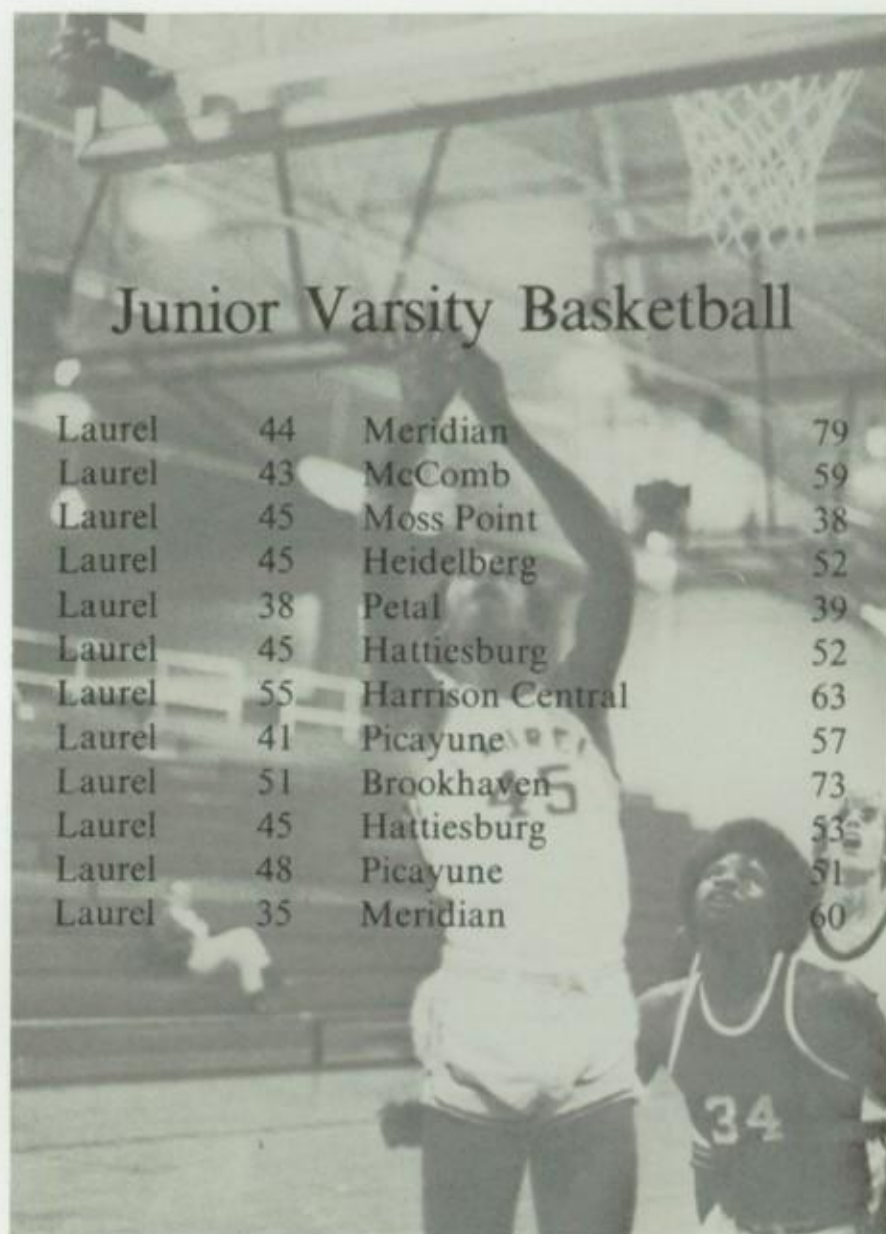
Junior Varsity players show much spirit.

Front row, left to right: Lynnelton Jefferson, Ray Ellis, Edgar Davis, Purnell Christian, Billy Brown. Second row: Curtis Hosey, David Martin, Linus Hilton, Billy Doggett, Tyrone Benton. Third row: Mike Cobb, Terry McGowan, Tom Archer, Dale Jordan, Mike Axton.

Laurel's Junior Varsity players showed enthusiasm and determination that will be needed next year for our varsity team.

Junior Varsity Basketball

Laurel	44	Meridian	79
Laurel	43	McComb	59
Laurel	45	Moss Point	38
Laurel	45	Heidelberg	52
Laurel	38	Petal	39
Laurel	45	Hattiesburg	52
Laurel	55	Harrison Central	63
Laurel	41	Picayune	57
Laurel	51	Brookhaven	73
Laurel	45	Hattiesburg	53
Laurel	48	Picayune	51
Laurel	35	Meridian	60





Counter clockwise from left: McGowan pushes to the inside; Christian lays up for two; Hilton leaps for two more.





Clockwise from top photo: Dale Jordon defending the goal for the Tornadoes. Junior Varsity Basketball Coach—Lee Garner. Terry McGowen shooting free throws.



First row from left: Ernest Weems, Alfred Cole, Willie Jones, Willie Barlow, Eddie Ruth, Carroll Brown, Kenny Smith. Second row: Lawrence Ducksworth, Curtis Hill, Ace McCurdy, Michael Barrett, Joe Pruitt, Anthony Weems. Third row: James Musgrove, Carl Morgan, Kenny Ratcliff, Leonard Hambrick, Andrei Howze; Robert Henry—Track coach

Enthusiasm was the key to the success of the Boys Track Team. Under the direction of Coach Robert Henry and Coach Robbie Carr, the team finished strong in all field events.

Naders show determination!





Clockwise from above: Eddie Ruth, Michael Barrett, Tom Archer, Willie Barlow, and Ernest Weems getting ready for the track meet. Victor Hudgies strains to clear the bar.

Carroll Brown placed first in discus; Larence Ducksworth placed third in pole vaulting; and Alfred Cole placed third in high jump.

Naders Have A Fine Season





Counter clockwise from left: Carroll Brown warming up for his throw. David Martin throwing the disc. Victor Hidgies preparing for relays.



Following the girls' first track meet in Hattiesburg, they worked hard for the upcoming meets. They met strong competition throughout the year with such schools as: Laner, Vicksburg, and Wingfield.

Right page clockwise: Patricia Barnes, Cecilia Ferguson, Deborah Thigpen, Rose Gandy, Terry Fitch, Twyla McCullam, Shirley Keyes, Jacqueline House, Pircilla Musgrove, Pearl Hinton, Lesha Williams, Gloria Morgan, and Coach Scott Jones; Coach Jones wrapped up watching his team winning the victory.

Right page counter clockwise: Deborah Thigpen, Louise Atkins, Gloria Morgan, and Beverly Martin protecting their afro; The Tornadoes racing around the track; Gloria Morgan hustling to the finish line.

**Congratulations on an excellent
season!**





Preparing for Big Eight and South State Competition.

All groups worked with dedication for the Central Big Eight Meet. Debra Thigpen qualified for the Overall Big Eight. During District Five Competition, several people qualified for the South State Tournament including the relay and long jump team.

Clockwise from right: Cecilia Ferguson strains for the Laurel Victory. Sandy Ward and Mittie Heidelberg posing proud for the Tornado Track Team. Track players enjoy riding home after a winning meet.





Counter clockwise from left—First Row: Mark Temple, Jimmy Bolander, Eric Hollingshead, Joey Davis, Harvey Saul, Donnie Hutchinson, Buddy Brannon, Todd Smith. Second Row: Bob Coffin, Tony Taylor, Bruce Moore, Larry Hill, Jay Porter, Chuck Odom. Third Row: Steve Breland, Roger Glenn, Steve Dearman, Kevin Moffet, Timmy Cranford, Bob Bankston. Fourth Row: Billy Chandler, Mikie Robinson, James Manning, Billy James, Brian Dennis, David Barrett. Bruce Moore covers first.

Laurel	4	Hattiesburg	5
Laurel	14	Petal	2
Laurel	4	W. Lauderdale	2
Laurel	4	W. Lauderdale	11
Laurel	5	Hattiesburg	3
Laurel	3	Meridian	2
Laurel	8	McComb	1
Laurel	10	S. Natchez	0
Laurel	2	Northeast	3
Laurel	14	Northeast	13
Laurel	9	Northeast	4
Laurel	8	Biologi	4
Laurel	4	Meridian	7
Laurel	4	Biloxi	8
Laurel	5	Meridian	1

The Laurel High Tornado Baseball Team, coached by Chris Calcote and assisted by Gary Gordon, had one of their better seasons in 1978. The Tornadoes only lost six games, while winning nine. The Tornadoes tied for first in the north half of the District V Competition and also defeated The Central Big Eight Champ Title. The team finished fourth in the Overall Big Eight in Jackson. Tony Taylor kept a .377 batting average and lead the team in RBI's and home runs. Jay Reeves was the best pitcher of the year with a 5-0 record. Tony Taylor and Michael Triplett was chosen the team captains of the year.



Left page—clockwise from top: Ken Boutwell talking to a fan before the tough game. Coach Calcote reviewing the game with his starters. James Manning batting for the Tornadoes. A Laurel batter hitting a homer.
Right page—clockwise from above: Coach Chris Calcote jogging to his position. Michael Triplett working up a sweat batting. Timmy Cranford overlooking the field. The bat girls were Melissa Jones and Terry Myrick.

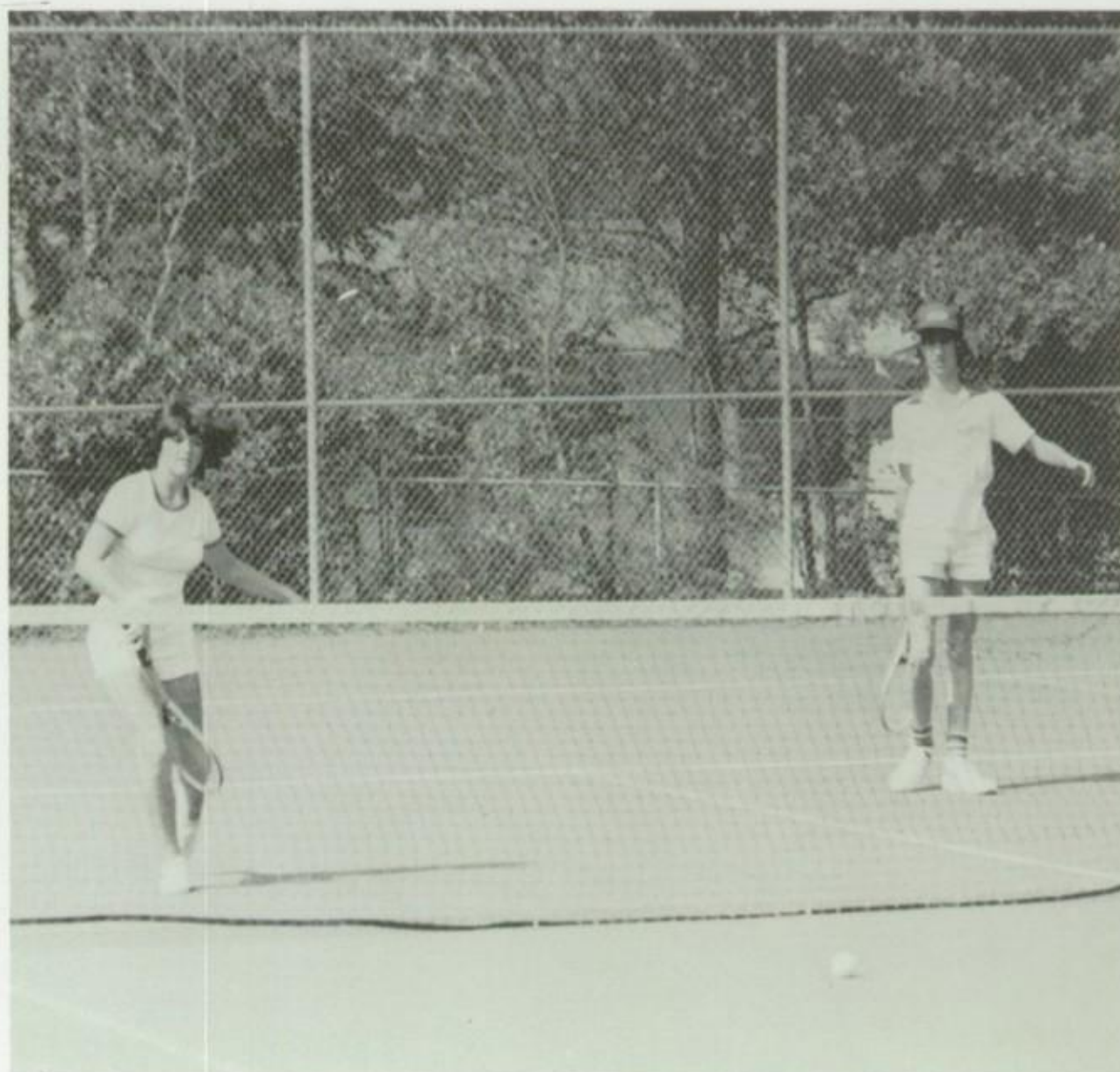




First Row from left: Melinda Rushing, Dot Axton, Kelly Tyrone, Joanna Corley, Susan Jensen, Tena Caves. Second row from left: Gaye Melvin, Laura Lindstrom, Jamie Goodwin. Third row from left: Billy Doggette, Jeff Davis, Kenny Dubose. Susan Jensen and Kenny Dubose played mixed doubles.

The Tennis Team won many honors this year including Central Big-8, South Big-8 and Overall Big-8 Champs. In addition, the team was District Champs. Individual honors went to Al Taylor and Billy Moss, who were Central Big-8 and District Champs in Boys Doubles. Kelly Tyrone and Laura Lindstrom were Central Big-8 and District Champs in Boys Doubles. Kelly Tyrone and Laura Lindstrom were Central Big-8, District, and Overall Big-8 Champs in Girls Doubles. Also, Kenny Dubose and Susan Jensen were Central Big-8, District and Overall Big-8 Champs in Mixed Doubles.

1978 Tornado Tennis





Clockwise from left: Billy Moss returns a smash. Jody Swartzfager relaxing during match. Al Taylor returning the serve. Jeff Davis makes a double handed return.



Counter-clockwise from left: Kenny Dubose returns a serve. Tena Caves volleys with her opponent. Melinda Rushing waiting on the ball.

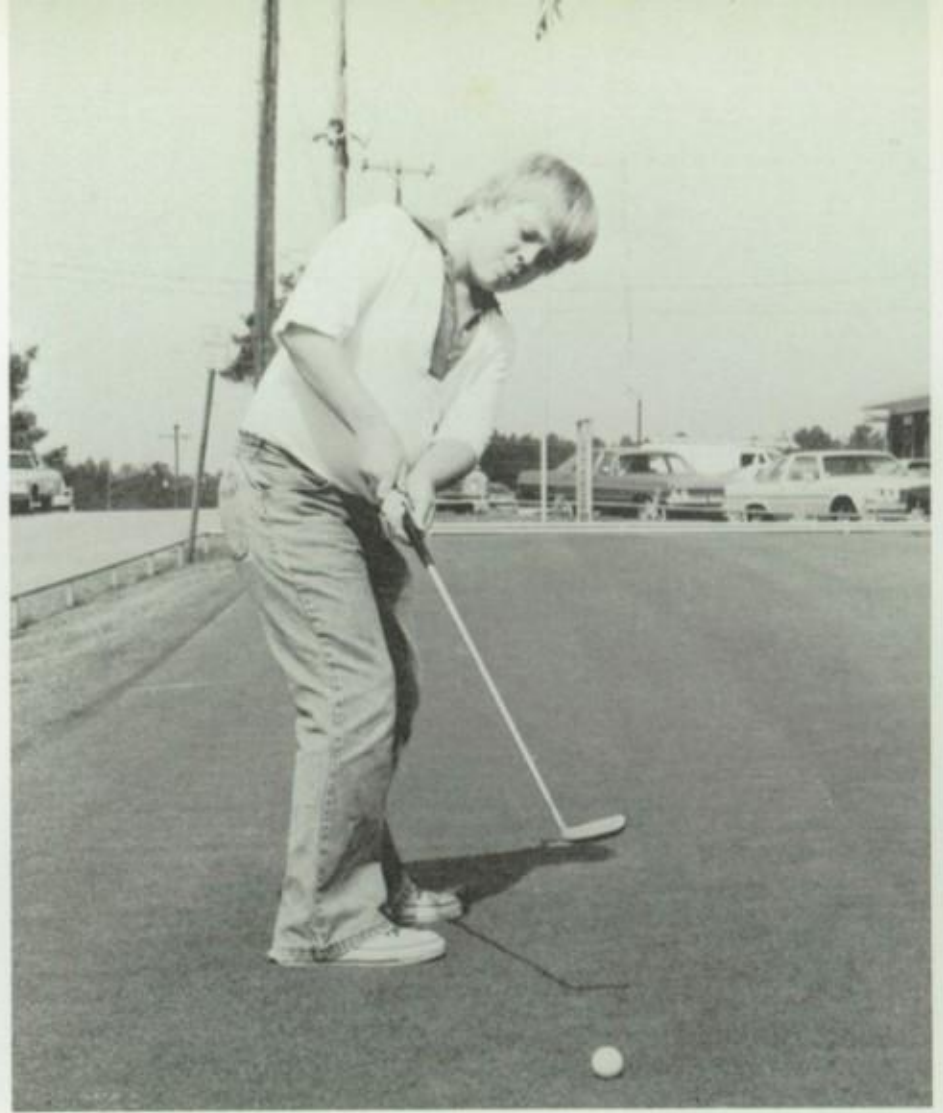




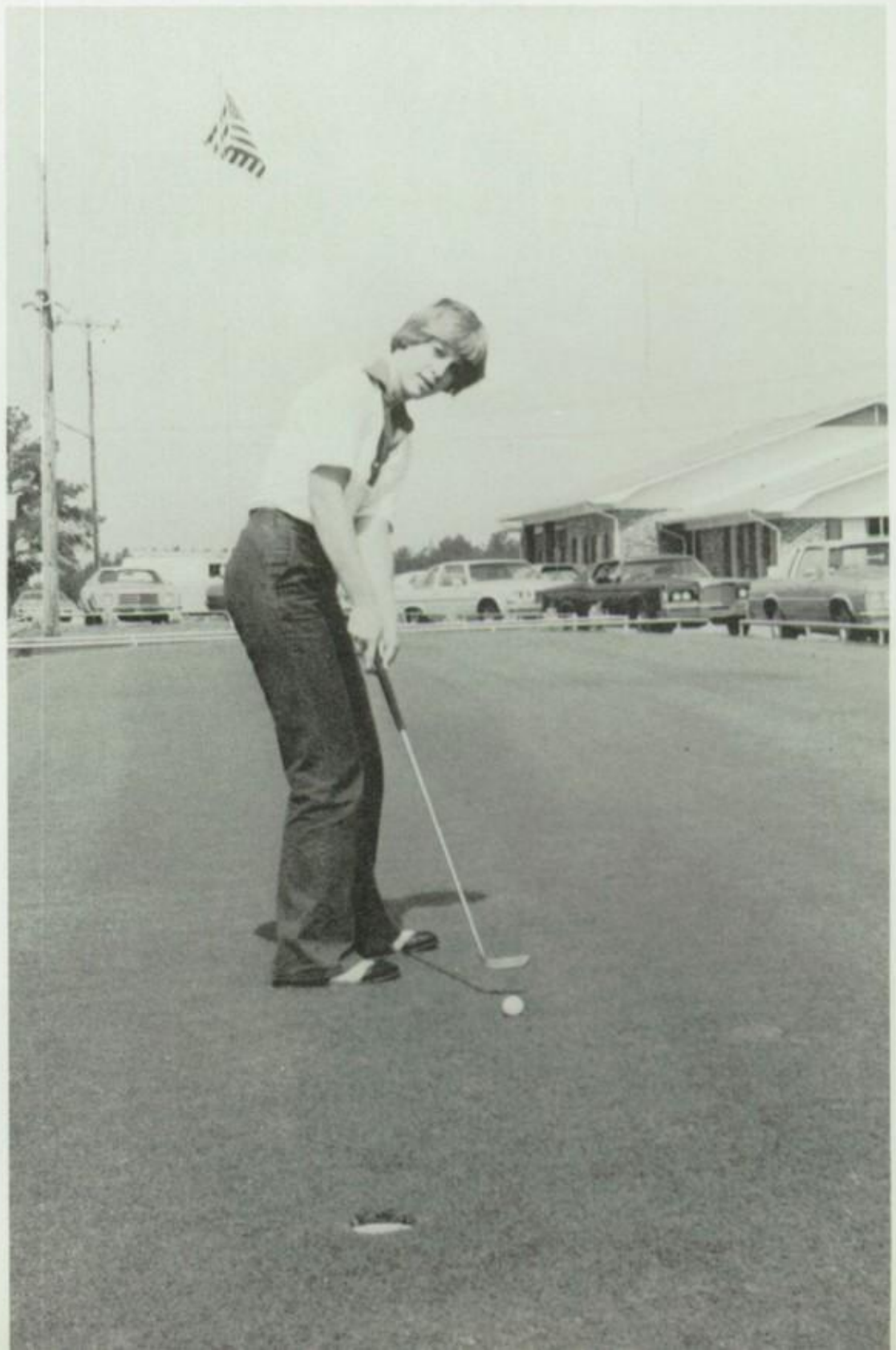
Bottom row from left: Chris Easterwood, Joe Daniels, David Shephard, Scott Walters. Second row from left: Joey Foster, Gigi Grim, Greg Stewart, Ken Cunningham, Brian Pung. The Golf Team gathers together to watch Gigi Grim putt.

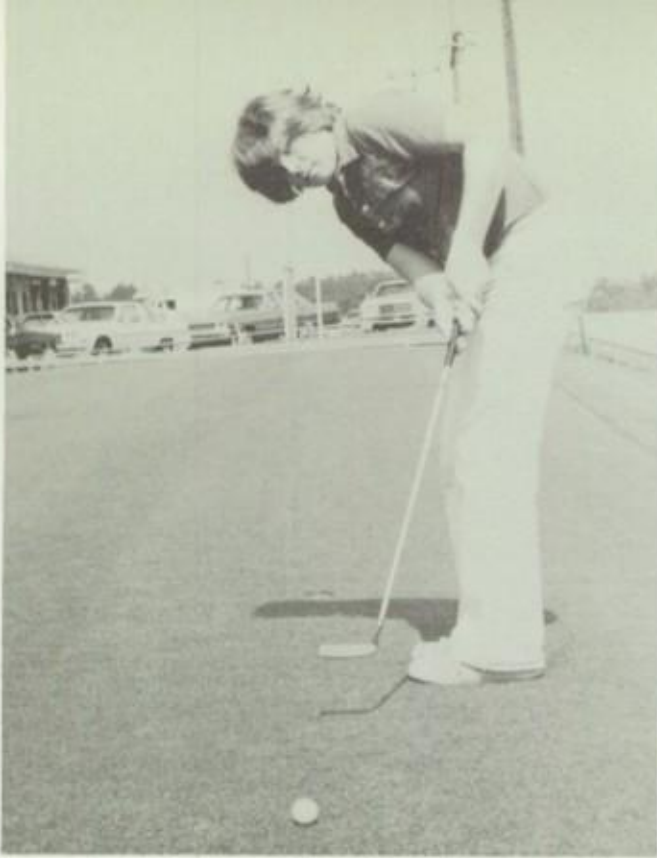
The Tornado Golf Team experienced much success this year. They finished second in eight out of nine tournaments in which they entered. Included among these Second Place finishes was a fine showing in the Central Zone Big Eight Tournament. Chris Easterwood was chosen the most valuable golfer while Joe Daniels was chosen most improved.

The Tornado Linksmen Have A Good Season



Clockwise from right: Scott Walters, Gigi Grim, and David Sheppard.





Clockwise from below:
Chris Easterwood, Brian
Pung, Ken Cunningham,
Greg Stewart, Joe
Daniels, and Joey
Foster.



1978 Varsity Football Cheerleaders



Seated from left to right: Laura Alexander, Lisa Allred, Allison Dewitt, June Crum-bley. Standing left from right: Anglia Collins, Katherine Paige, Betsy Gough, Leisa Harper, and Margo Middleton.

77-78 B-Team Cheerleaders

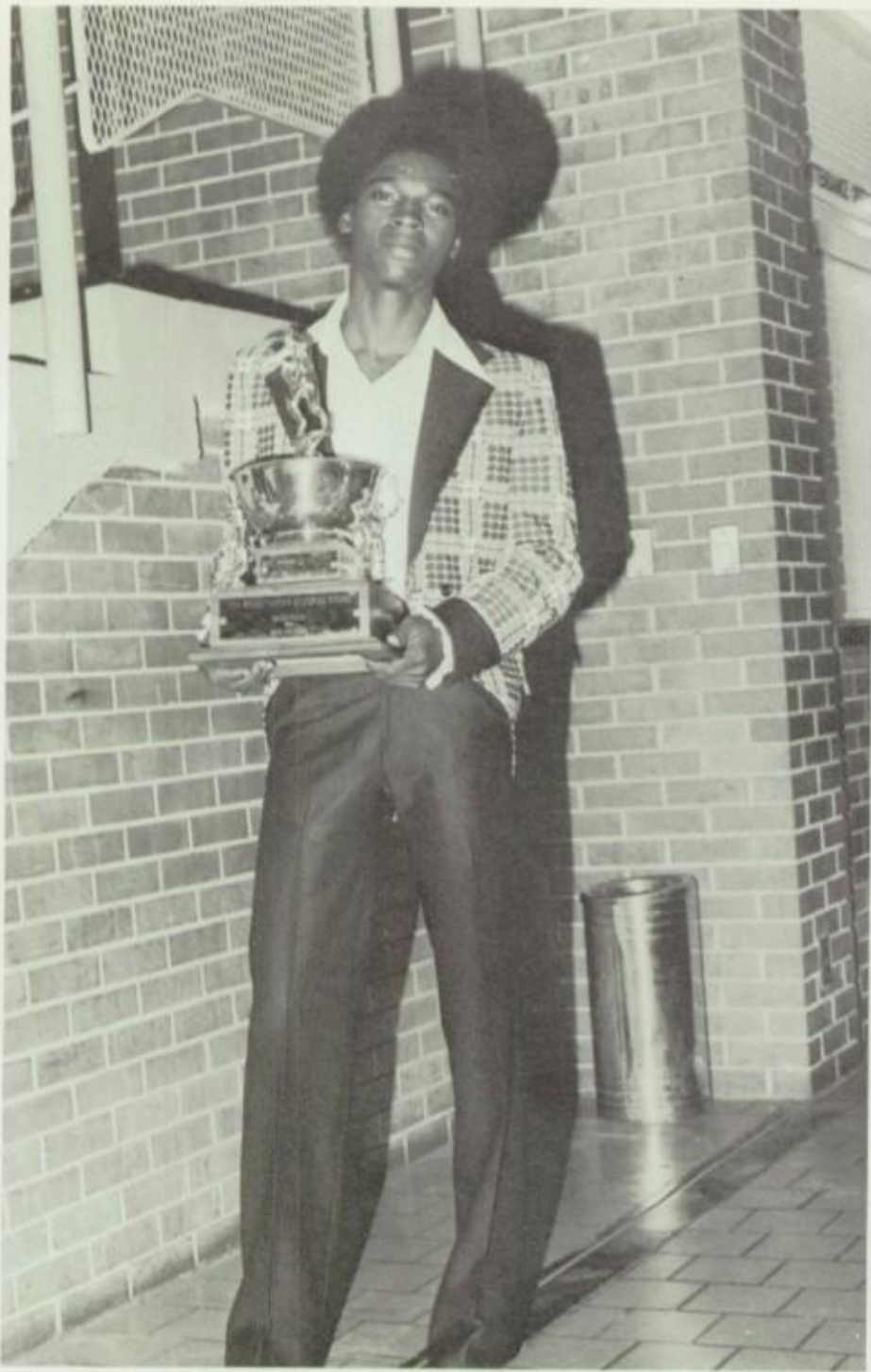


Kneeling left from right: Donna Hall, Susan Pilgrim, and Tina Knight. Standing left from right: Dawn Allred, Susan Grafton, Lisa Shelby, and Edie Walker.

1977-78 Basketball Cheerleaders



Bottom row left to right: Kathy Wells, Connie Smith, and Laurie Waite. Top row left to right: Jamie Allen, and Holly Davis.

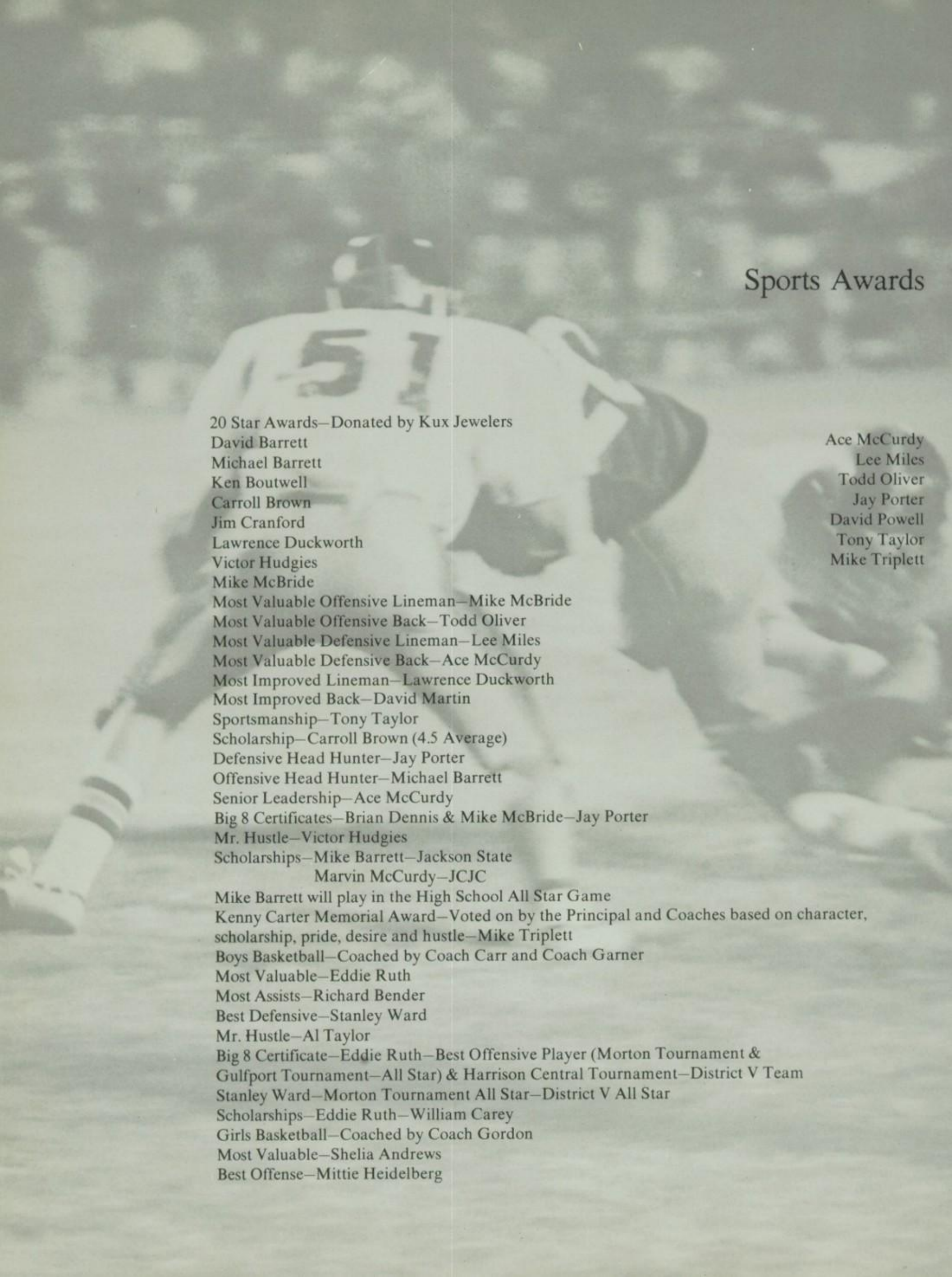


1978 Sports Awards Program

The Tornado athletes were awarded for their fine seasons with a special recognition program. At this program, many of the outstanding athletes were recognized. A special treat was a speech by Coach George McIntyre from Ole Miss.

Clockwise from below: Coach George McIntyre; some the happy award winners pose for a picture; and Michael Triplett winner of the Kenny Carter Memorial Award.





Sports Awards

20 Star Awards—Donated by Kux Jewelers

David Barrett

Michael Barrett

Ken Boutwell

Carroll Brown

Jim Cranford

Lawrence Duckworth

Victor Hudgies

Mike McBride

Most Valuable Offensive Lineman—Mike McBride

Most Valuable Offensive Back—Todd Oliver

Most Valuable Defensive Lineman—Lee Miles

Most Valuable Defensive Back—Ace McCurdy

Most Improved Lineman—Lawrence Duckworth

Most Improved Back—David Martin

Sportsmanship—Tony Taylor

Scholarship—Carroll Brown (4.5 Average)

Defensive Head Hunter—Jay Porter

Offensive Head Hunter—Michael Barrett

Senior Leadership—Ace McCurdy

Big 8 Certificates—Brian Dennis & Mike McBride—Jay Porter

Mr. Hustle—Victor Hudgies

Scholarships—Mike Barrett—Jackson State

Marvin McCurdy—JCJC

Mike Barrett will play in the High School All Star Game

Kenny Carter Memorial Award—Voted on by the Principal and Coaches based on character, scholarship, pride, desire and hustle—Mike Triplett

Boys Basketball—Coached by Coach Carr and Coach Garner

Most Valuable—Eddie Ruth

Most Assists—Richard Bender

Best Defensive—Stanley Ward

Mr. Hustle—Al Taylor

Big 8 Certificate—Eddie Ruth—Best Offensive Player (Morton Tournament & Gulfport Tournament—All Star) & Harrison Central Tournament—District V Team

Stanley Ward—Morton Tournament All Star—District V All Star

Scholarships—Eddie Ruth—William Carey

Girls Basketball—Coached by Coach Gordon

Most Valuable—Shelia Andrews

Best Offense—Mittie Heidelberg

Ace McCurdy

Lee Miles

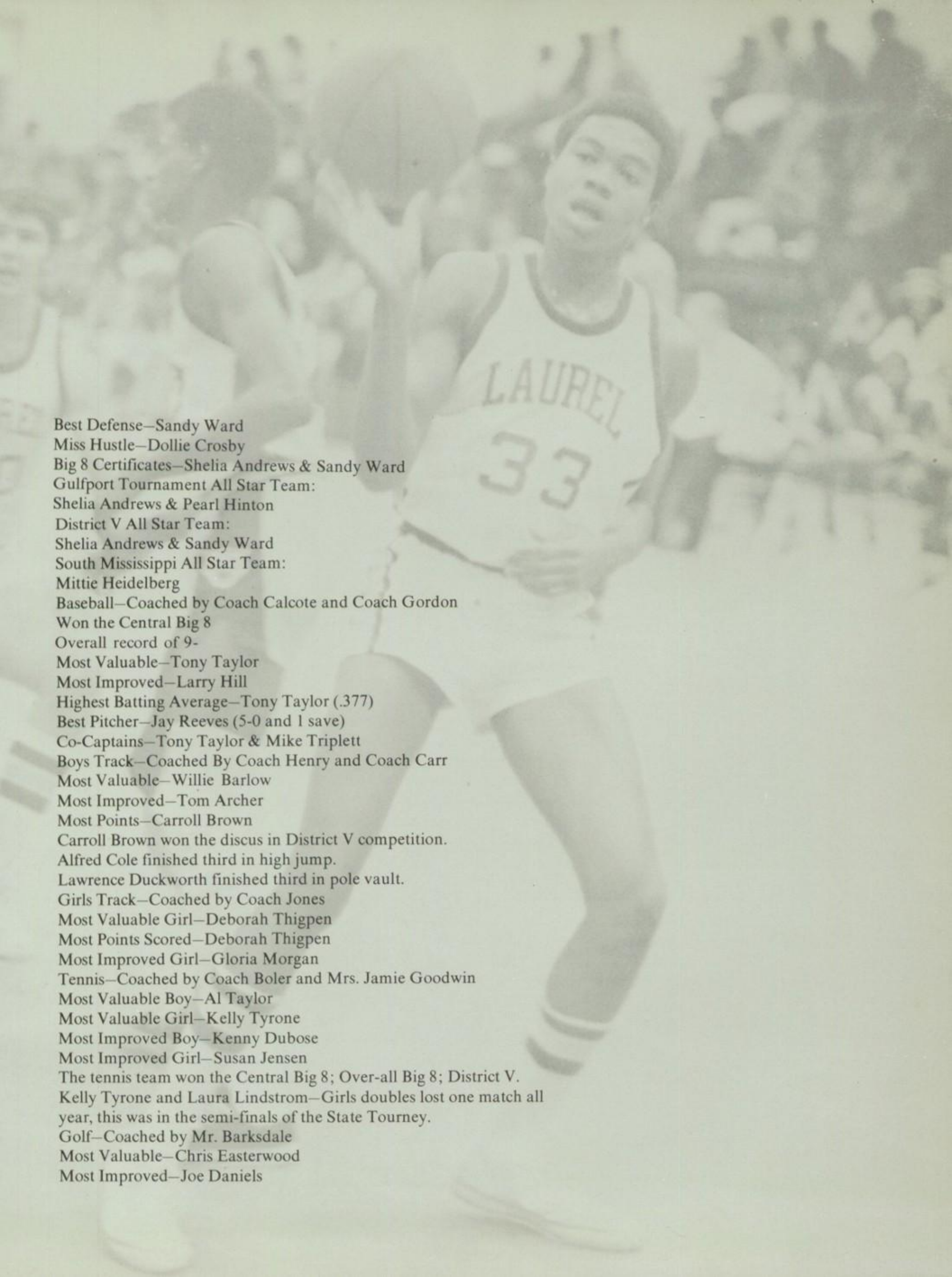
Todd Oliver

Jay Porter

David Powell

Tony Taylor

Mike Triplett



Best Defense—Sandy Ward
Miss Hustle—Dollie Crosby
Big 8 Certificates—Shelia Andrews & Sandy Ward
Gulfport Tournament All Star Team:
Shelia Andrews & Pearl Hinton
District V All Star Team:
Shelia Andrews & Sandy Ward
South Mississippi All Star Team:
Mittie Heidelberg
Baseball—Coached by Coach Calcote and Coach Gordon
Won the Central Big 8
Overall record of 9-
Most Valuable—Tony Taylor
Most Improved—Larry Hill
Highest Batting Average—Tony Taylor (.377)
Best Pitcher—Jay Reeves (5-0 and 1 save)
Co-Captains—Tony Taylor & Mike Triplett
Boys Track—Coached By Coach Henry and Coach Carr
Most Valuable—Willie Barlow
Most Improved—Tom Archer
Most Points—Carroll Brown
Carroll Brown won the discus in District V competition.
Alfred Cole finished third in high jump.
Lawrence Duckworth finished third in pole vault.
Girls Track—Coached by Coach Jones
Most Valuable Girl—Deborah Thigpen
Most Points Scored—Deborah Thigpen
Most Improved Girl—Gloria Morgan
Tennis—Coached by Coach Boler and Mrs. Jamie Goodwin
Most Valuable Boy—Al Taylor
Most Valuable Girl—Kelly Tyrone
Most Improved Boy—Kenny Dubose
Most Improved Girl—Susan Jensen
The tennis team won the Central Big 8; Over-all Big 8; District V.
Kelly Tyrone and Laura Lindstrom—Girls doubles lost one match all
year, this was in the semi-finals of the State Tourney.
Golf—Coached by Mr. Barksdale
Most Valuable—Chris Easterwood
Most Improved—Joe Daniels

FEATURES





Tornado Day 1977 ...

Tornado Day, sponsored by the Student Council, was once again a big success. Representative Tucker Buchanan was a guest speaker at assembly and spoke on the origin of Tornado Day. The Student Council sponsored a spirit chain contest that ended with the seniors winning and the juniors running a close second. The senior class was presented a "spirit jug" for their efforts in making Tornado Day a success.

Clockwise from right: Is it that bad, Lisa?? And the band plays on. We always wondered about you, Diana!! Teddy Bear keeps spirit in drafting.





... Was a big success.

Football Sweethearts were presented with their gifts at halftime by Student Association president Margo Middleton and Student Council vice-president Betsy Gough. A successful Tornado Day ended in the defeat of the Brookhaven Panthers by a score of 41 to 13.

Counterclockwise from left:
The ROTC color guard leads the way. Lynn's pointing again! Watkin's VICA keeps the spirit!



1977-78 Football Sweethearts

This year 24 sweethearts were chosen by the senior football players. At halftime each was presented a mum corsage and a bracelet.

Clockwise from right: Helen Rentz chosen by James Manning; Lisa Allred—Brian Burnham; Denise Smith—Mark Temple; Climie Johnson—Miquel Lewis; Laura Howard—Mike McBride.





Clockwise from below: Pat Castle chosen by Tony Taylor; Betsy Barnett—Bob Bergin; Dorothy Axton—Larry Hill; Catherin Brown—Lawton Coleman; Leasha Williams—Mike Triplett.



Clockwise from right: Tommie Jean Boyd chosen by Carroll Brown; Tena Caves—David Powell; Cynthia Mosely; Lynn Watkins—Lee Miles; Holly Davis—Steve Dearman.





Clockwise from below: Adrian Armon chosen by Louis Bryant; Paige Pickering—Donnie Hutchinson; Lelia Anne Duncan—Greg Cason; Angela Collins—Brian Dennis.



Red and Gold Review

The Red and Gold Review was once again a big success under the direction of Jimmy Cox. The program consisted of a variety of song and dance performed by the students at Watkins. Choreography was under the direction of Nancy Wingo.

Clockwise from right; Marsha and Michael rock around the clock. Dan sings "Sixteen Tons" with a backup from Richard; June and Allison in "Poke Sally Annie" backup Jerry Wyatt.





The Stars of Tomorrow!

The theme of the R & G Review was "The Stars of Tomorrow." Once again, as in the past, the program played to a full auditorium for both nights. As always the program displayed the excellent talent found in Laurel.

Clockwise from below:

Angela lights up everyone's life; The "Rocketts" do their thing! "The King is Gone"; "If I Were A Rich Man"; "Mr. Sandman"



Backstage at the R & G Review

Backstage: Who knows what happens back there? Now we all know. Certainly a lot of work, but a lot of fun, too.

Clockwise from right: Melody and Liz talk it over. The curler queens give successful smiles. That "hardworking" backstage crew.





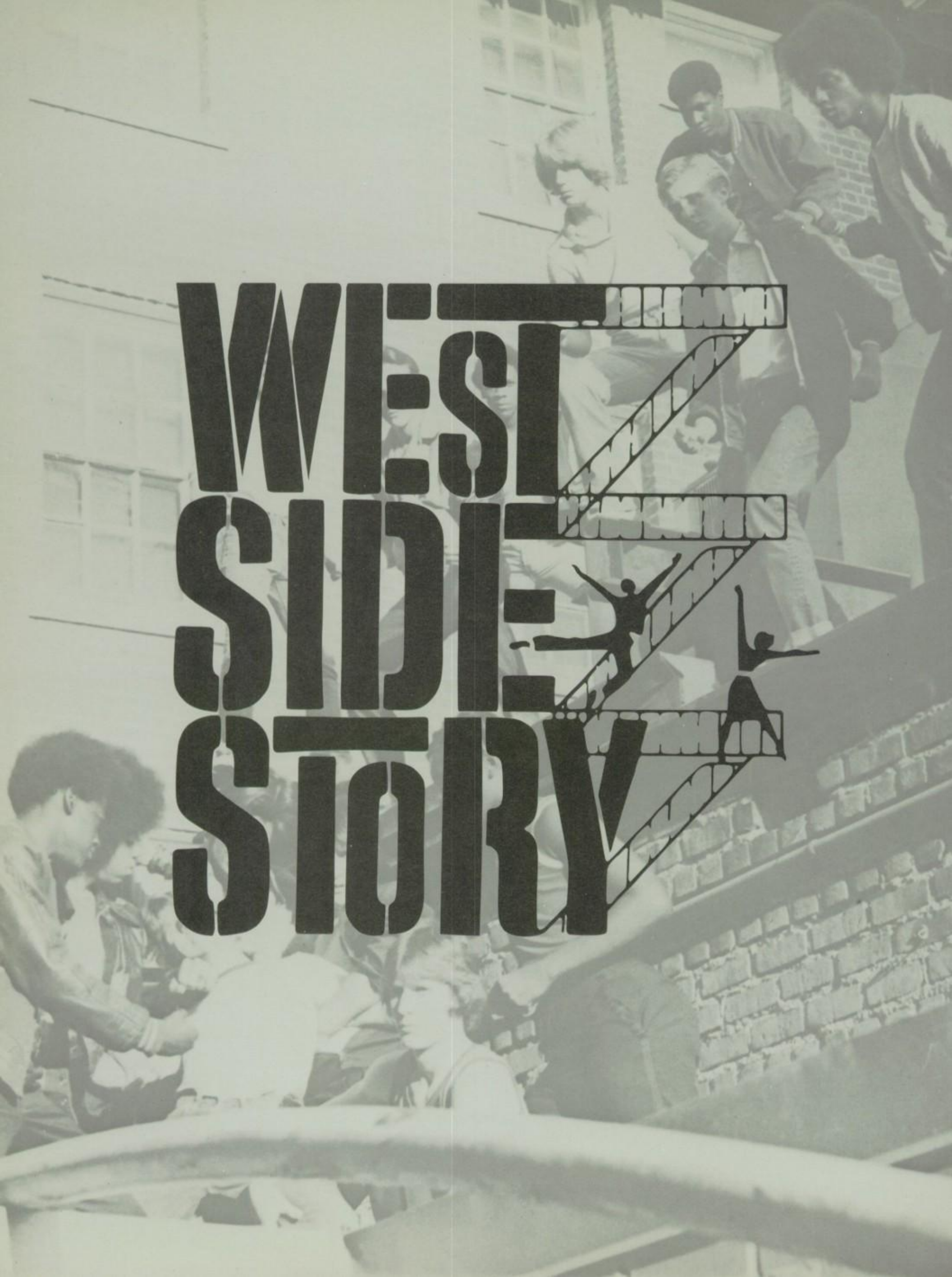
Jug Day 1977

Jug Day was once again sponsored by the Student Council. Ben Guffy was elected MR. JUG and helped boost spirit at the pep rally and football game. Spirit continued throughout the game and Laurel kept the jug by a score of 26 to 7!

Counter-clockwise from left: Leisa and Tweety keep up the spirit! Laurel heads in after another victory. Are you in there, Ben??



WEST SIDE STORY



WEST SIDE STORY
Music by Leonard Bernstein
Book by Arthur Laurents
Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim

Director	James B. Cox
Co-Director	Ms. Linda Louis
Musical Conductor	Dr. Charles Saul
Musical Director	Ms. Terri Cooley
Choreographer	Ms. Nancy Wingo
Light Designer	Bern Gautier
Student Directors	Cathy Catron
	Dan Walley
Student Musical Director	Jackie Thomas
	Cindy McCool
Stage Mangers	David Smith
	Debbie Carmichael

CAST
The Jets

Riff (The Leader)	Charlie Elkins
Tony (His Friend)	Bob George
Action	Richard Pollett
A-rab	Kendall Norwood
Baby John	Robbie Robinson
Snowboy	Michael Bethea
Big Deal	Paul Duff
Diesel	Chris Easterwood
Gee-Tar	Mark Barnett
Tiger	James Millsaps
Lightening	Mike DeWitt
Mouthpiece	Joel Bouchillon

Their Girls

Graziella	Gina Galligan (Thursday & Friday)
	Denise Smith (Saturday)
Velma	Lelia Anne Duncan
Minnie	Danell Hagen (Thursday & Friday)
	Betsy Gough (Saturday)
Clarice	Leisa Harper
Pauline	Priscilla Musgrove
Karen	Suzanne Anderson
Sheila	Kathy Butler
Lois	Susan Pilgrim
Sara	Tena Caves
Teresa	Jadee Williams
Becky	Julie Parker
Susie	Paige Pickering
Anybods	Stacy Burton (Thursday & Friday)
	Donna Hammond (Saturday)
Mary	Linda Jeff

The Sharks

Bernardo (The Leader)	Richard Bustin
Maria (His Sister).....	June Crumbley
Anita (His Girl)	Marcia Polen
Chino (His Friend).....	Shannon Wallace
Pepe	Hays Thompson
Indio.....	Vincent Gulley
Luis	Melvin Bethea
Anxious.....	Jim Nix
Nibbles.....	John Holmes
Toro.....	Randy Carr

Their Girls

Rosalia	Venita Apperwhite (Thursday & Friday)
	Sylvia Posey (Saturday)
Consuelo	Allison DeWitt (Thursday & Friday)
	Diana Beckman (Saturday)
Francisca.....	Lorraine Redd (Thursday & Friday)
	Melanie Butler (Saturday)
Estella	Melody Hancock
Margarita	Joanna Corley
Celiva	Cindy Scoper

Lucia.....	Angela Trulsen
Carlota.....	Dawn Hammond
Hortensia.....	Sylvia Posey (Thursday & Friday)
	Venita Apperwhite (Saturday)
Florencia.....	Diana Beckman (Thursday & Friday)
	Allison DeWitt (Saturday)
Teresita.....	Brenda Washington
Dolores.....	Jamie McCool
Berta.....	Julie Cranford
Alicia.....	Judy Majors
Clara.....	Mary Esther Jones

The Adults

Doc	Eddie Rodgers
Lieutenant Schrank	Brian Williams
Officer Krupke	Ken Kellams
Glad Hand	Dan Walley
A girl	Cindy McCool

PIT ORCHESTRA

BASS	WOODWINDS	TRUMPET
Carl Varnado	Steve Andrews	Mark Brogan
	Laura Coleman	Gigi Grim
	Laura Lindstrom	Randy Russell
PERCUSSION	Cynthia Brogan	Anna Finnegan
Lindy Peoples	Leslie Monson	
Scott Reddoch	Robert Williams	TROMBONE
		Joey Foster
PIANO	VIOLIN	Sam Richardson
Mrs. C.B. Cameron	Jane MacMorran	William Brown
	Trecia Osadchuk	
CELLO		
Carl Neumann		

COMMITTEES

Make-up—Becky Chandler, *Chairman*
Suzanne Taylor, Linda Jeff, Barbara Martin, Amelia Smith, Paula
Conner

Props—Elizabeth Johnson, *Chairman*
Tammy Walters, Terri Myrick, Freda Jones, Mittie Heidelberg

Stage Crew—Lawrence Duckworth, *Chairman*
Greg Carson, Brian Finnegan, Jerry Elgin, Brian Burnham, James
Wheat, Michael Johnson, Victor Walker, Willie Barlow

Lighting—Ben Guffy, *Chairman*
Mark Johnson, Tim Houston, Rocky Whitten

Runners—Leslye Sisson, *Chairman*
Suzanne Taylor, Terri Myrick, Charlene Henderson

Set Construction—Mr. Walter Strong *Chairman*, and The Building Trade Classes
Barry Sumrall, Becky Grim, Lawrence Ducksworth, Charlie Elkins, James Wheat, Mark Johnson, Angela Trulsen, Richard Bustin, Robbie Robinson, Vincent Gulley, Michael Bethea, Melvin Bethea, Michael Johnson

PRODUCTION STAFF

Principal.....	Dr. Hal Easterwood
Sound.....	Bill Clark
Art.....	Mrs. Ronnie Robinson
Backstage Coordinators.....	Basil Smith, Barry Sumrall, Mrs. Clay Johnson, Mrs. David Mann, Mrs. Bennie Lewis, and Ms. Becky Grim
Costume Coordinators.....	Mrs. J. Ronald Parrish and Ms. Rebecca Williams
Publicity.....	Mrs. Robert L. Maugh and Mrs. Don Sumrall
Tickets.....	Mike Reed and Ms. Hilma Seefeld
Program Design.....	Robert N. Jessup and Graphic Arts Classes
Program.....	Mrs. Arthur G. Smith

The Jets

Once again, as in the past, Watkins students exhibited fine talent in the 3 performances of "West Side Story." The performances were held on May 4th, 5th, and 6th before full audiences.

Clockwise from right: Riff and Velma open the dance; Tony and Maria declare their love; Riff explains the pride of a Jet; The Jets; "Go away Anybodys!"





The Sharks

Clockwise from below: Bernardo and Anita dance; "Stay away from my sister!"; "Puerto Rico is icky!"; "Chino, what have you done!"; The Sharks.



Onstage

Clockwise from right: "Somewhere"; "Under the highway"; "Lt. Schrank and Maria"; "Top of the day, Officer Krupke!"; "Come down, Maria".





Backstage

This year, as in years before, backstage workers did an excellent job. From make-up to lighting, the crew was excellent.

Clockwise from below: stage workers change the set; Backstage Workers—bottom row, left to right: Barbara Martin, Suzanne Taylor, Linda Jeff, Frieda Jones, Mittie Heidelberg. Second row, left to right: Willie Barlow, Amelia Smith, Elizabeth Johnson, Ben Guffy, James Wheat, Leslie Sisson, Tammy Walters. Third row, left to right: Mark Johnson, Michael Johnson. Standing, left to right: Victor Walker, Rocky Whitten, Tim Houston, Brian Finnegan, Jerry Elgin, Lawrence Ducksworth.; Student Musical Directors—Cindy McCool and Jackie Thomas, Student Directors—Cathy Catron and Dan Walley.



The 1978 R.H. WATKINS Beauty Pageant

The R.H. WATKINS Annual Staff held the 1978 beauty pageant for the first time in 10 years.

Miss Laurel 1978, Miss Sherry Williams, was the Mistress of Ceremonies. Forty two contestants were judged on poise and beauty by three experienced judges. From the 42 contestants the Top Ten were chosen. From the Top 10, Most Beautiful 1978 and 4 alternates were chosen.

Counterclockwise from below: Marty gives a winning smile as first alternate Betsy and second alternate Cathy look on; Mark Barnett, Terri Gibbs, Joel Bouchillon, and Susie White of "The Voices"; Susan is named 4th alternate as the other contestants happily watch.





Counterclockwise from left: The winner is announced as the alternates look on; Entertainment by the voices; Nine Finalists watch June model.

The 1978 Beauty Pageant Finalists were . . .

Clockwise from below: June Crumbley, Betsy Gough, Lynn Watkins, Lisa Robinson, and Suzanne Anderson.



... And the Alternates were ...

Clockwise from below: Danell Hagen, Third Alternate; Susan Pilgrim, Fourth Alternate; Cathy White, Second Alternate; and Betsy Barnett, First Alternate.



Most Beautiful 1978

Marty Swartzfager, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Swartzfager, was selected Most Beautiful for 1978.





ACTIVITIES

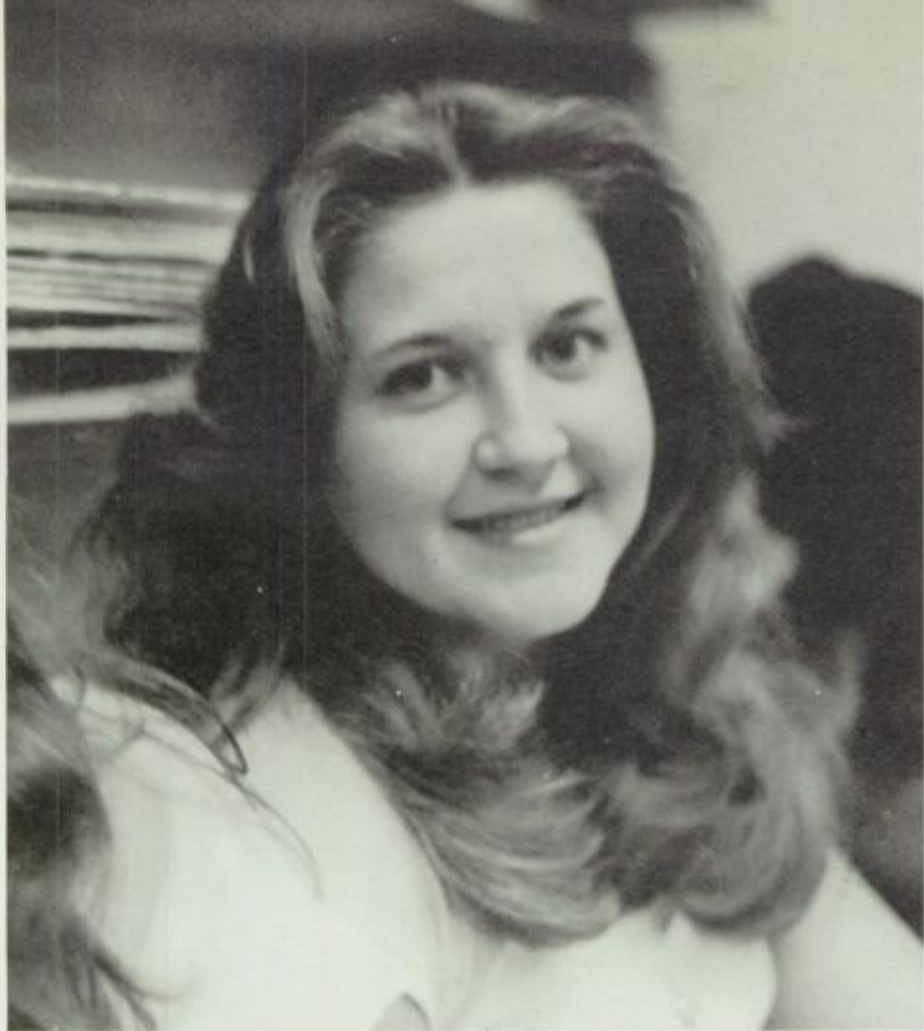




Annual Staff



Counterclockwise from right: Marlan and Gunther pick up a few tips from John; Hot Dot is "Skoaled out" in Annual; John checks out the annual "foxes". Top photo: Seated, left to right: John Harkless, ads editor; Terry Hammonds, business manager; Patty Wilson, faculty editor and photographer; David Gunter, ads editor and artist; Marlan Baucum, sports editor; Carol Williams, activities editor; Standing, left to right: Margaret Deavours, features editor; Erin Smith; owner of 1930 Model A Ford Coupe; Linda Blackwell, sports editor; Dot Axton, editor in chief; and Joyce Russell, activities editor. Not pictured: Katherine Paige and Mellgwin Chesser, classes editors.



Staff Hard at Work

The Tornado staff, sponsored by Basil Smith, consists of senior and junior editors. The Tornado yearbook is a pictorial record of students, classes, campus life, and faculty.

Clockwise from below: Katherine makes sure Mell understands how to use the "lickem & stickems"; Carol, Marge, and Mell agree that "double" is beautiful; Linda B. is always half way in the dark; Patty anxiously awaits the coming of the Coneheads; Joy-ceeeeeeeeeee . . .





Student Association Officers

The Student Association officers are president, Margo Middleton; Leisa Harper, treasurer; Betsy Gough, secretary; and Susan Jensen, vice-president.

Student Council

Members of the R.H. Watkins High School, Student Council are elected by the student body and faculty. The raising of and maintaining of school standards, encouraging of increased school spirit and the developing of greater leadership abilities through student participation are the main goals of the Student Council.

This year, as in every year, the Student Council has been very busy; being the sponsor of Tornado Day, the Student Council works hard to see that everyone participates in all Homecoming activities. A Spirit-Chain contest was held and Sweethearts were presented flowers and gifts by the Council. Career Day was held and sponsored by the Student Council in cooperation with the Guidance Department. Various other projects are the accomplishments of the Student Council.



Student Council pictured above. First row left to right—OFFICERS: Betsy Gough, vice-president; Susan Grafton, treasurer; Pat Castle, secretary; and Dot Axton, president; Second row—Cindy Scoper, Katherine Paige, Susan Jensen, Terri Myrick, Leslye Sisson, Mellgwin Chesser, Joanna Corley, Leisa Harper, Janine Brown, Laura Alexander; Third row—Margo Middleton, Diane Watkins, Tina Knight, Donna Hall, Edie Walker, June Crumbley, and Stacey Harris.

Key Club

The Key Club is primarily a service club which sets as its goals projects which benefit the school and the community. The club promotes the ideals of good citizenship, goodwill, responsibility, and leadership. Through participation in the many projects each individual has the opportunity to gain many valuable educational experiences and to realize the self-satisfaction associated with helping others. The Key Club which is sponsored by the Kiwanas Club, strives to insure a community awareness within each member and build future leaders for our community and nation.

The club members must meet rigid academic standards to qualify for membership. They must also maintain high citizenship averages and participate in all club activities. The Key Club annually serves as ushers for all school musicals and graduation exercises. The club co-ordinates teacher appreciation week, the annual Tornado Day parade and sells parking permits for the school parking lots. The club annually aids the salvation army in their Christmas bell ringing activities and serves on many community projects as the need arises.



Top photo, front to back: Burk West, President; Marlan Baucum, Vice President; Chris Deaton, Parliamentarian; Bob Bankston, Secretary. Bottom photo: First row: Jerry Elgin, David Seals, Ray Smith, Burk West, Susan Grafton, Lisa Allred, Laura Alexander, Chris Deaton, Brian Finnegan; Second row: Bob Bankston, Billy Doggette, Lawson Hester, Billy James, Larry Hill, Harvey Saul, Bryan Burnham, Marlan Baucum, Robert Finnegan, Jimmy Bolander, Dan Dees, Nicky Howell, Sponsor-Craig Quinn; Third row: Dale Jordan, Kevin Kimball, and Mike Axton.





Interact

The R.H. Watkins Interact Club is a Laurel Rotary Club sponsored organization of girls enrolled in grades 10, 11, and 12, whose purpose is to provide opportunity for young people to work together in the world fellowship dedicated to service and international understanding.

Top photo; Interact officers, from top to bottom: Susan Jensen, Marty Swartzfager, Margaret Deavours, Melissa Jones, Leisa Harper, Betsy Gough, and Dot Axton. Bottom photo; first row left to right: Wanda Griggs, Jeanna Spence, Margaret Deavours, Leisa Harper, Melissa Jones, Barbara Bankston, Paige Pickering, Lisa Graves, Betsy Gough, Cathy White, Marty Swartzfager, Pat Castle. Second row: Janet Taylor, Lorraine Redd, Diana Beckman, Mellgwin Chesser, Leslye Sisson, Denise Smith, Diane Watkins, Lelia Ann Duncan, Jadee Williams, Elizabeth Johnson. Third row: Debbie Duffy, Denise Walters, Dot Axton, Tina Knight, Katherine Paige, Susan Jensen.



National Honor Society

The National Honor Society promotes character, service, leadership, and scholarship. During a special program in the spring and at graduation, academic letters are presented to the qualifying members. Senior members are given seals for their diplomas. Officers for 1977-78 are: Brian Finnegan, President; Burk West, Vice-President; Marlene Chancellor, Secretary; Janet Taylor, Treasurer.

Top photo left to right, the male members of National Honor Society, first row: Shawn Wansley, Robbie Robinson, Hal Wright, John Harkless, Jimmy Bolander, Dale Jordon; second row left to right: Brian Finnegan, Burk West, Bob Bankston, John Butler, Marlan Baucum, Robbin Richetti, Ray Smith, Jason Jones. Bottom photo left to right, the girls in National Honor Society, first row: Evelyn Moody, Deneen Lyon, Lisa Miller; second row: Dot Axton, Betsy Gough, Lisa Allred, June Crumbley, Janet Taller, Laura Linstrum, Paige Pickering; third row: Allison Granberry, Karen Boswell, Laura Coleman, Suzanne Anderson, Susan Grafton, Laura Alexander, Cindy Scoper, Mellguin Chesser, Denise Smith, Diana Beckman, Barbara Bankston, Cindy Rawls; fourth row left to right: Sue Adler, Angela Collins, Joyce Russell, Lisa Shell, Wanda Griggs, Teresa Holifield, Debbie Duffy, Lynn Cameron, Dottie Reed, Charlene Henderson, Cathy White.



Mu Alpha Theta

Mu Alpha Theta is a national math honor society. To become a member, a student must be enrolled in or have had his fifth semester of advanced math, and he must have at least a "B" average in math and not lower than a "B" in his other subjects.



First row left to right: Paige Pickering, Cindy Scoper, Marlene Chancellor, Susan Jensen, Dorothy Ann Stone, Marlan Baucum, Mark Brogan, Chris Deaton, Burk West, Sandra Britt; second row left to right: Diana Beckman, Denise Smith, Charlene Henderson, Barbara Bankston, Gigi Grim, Debbie Duffy, Deneen Lyon, Laura Lindstrum, Cindy Baker; third row left to right: Mark Britt, Mary Esther Jones, Cathy White, Robbie Robinson, Janet Brumfield, Teresa Holifield, Sue Adler, Dot Axton, Jan Duffy, June Crumbley, Brian Finnegan, Virginia Johnson, Janet Taylor, Ananeki Gray.

Boy's "L" Club

The Boy's "L" Club was organized in 1924 by C.B. Cameron, the football coach at the time. Membership is extended to all boys who have been officially awarded the letter "L" by the Athletic Committee of the Laurel High School and passed certain other requirements.

The objects are to promote a feeling of good fellowship among the members, to promote and foster the principles of good sportsmanship, to uphold the principles for the best of the school, to bear oneself in a manner that will create respect for the organization the resulting influence working for a higher degree of character among the students of the institution.



Seated left to right: Tony Taylor, Stanly Ward, Willie Barlow, Victor Hudgies, Michael Barrett, Tom Archer, Al Taylor; Standing, left to right: Bob Bankston, Lawton Coleman, Ernest Williams, Paul Powell, Chris Easterwood, Mike McBride, Kenny DuBose, Larry Hill, Jay Porter, Lawrence Duckworth, Eddie Ruth, Timmy Cranford, Bruce Moore, Charlie Giroux, David Barrett, Harvey Saul, Carroll Brown, Ace McCurty, Joe Pruitt, and Billy James.

Girl's "L" Club

The purpose of the Girl's "L" Club is to promote and foster the principles of good sportsmanship. All members shall create respect for the Girl's "L" Club, the resulting influence working for a higher degree of character among students of R.H. Watkins.

Membership is extended to all girls who have been officially awarded the letter "L" by the Athletic Committee of the Laurel High School and passed certain other requirements.



Seated, left to right: Laura Lindstrom, Kelly Tyrone, Dot Axton, Susan Jensen, Deborah Thigpen, Gloria Moore, Sandy Ward, Cecelia Ferguson; standing, left to right: Linda Blackwell, Patricia Barnes, Lisa Allred, Margo Middleton, Leisa Harper, Charlotte Hadley, Pricilla Musgrove, Laura Alexander, Beth Coffin, Betsy Barnett, June Crumbley, and Helen Rentz.

Quill and Scroll

Quill and Scroll is the international journalistic honor society. To be eligible for Quill and Scroll, one must be in the top one third of his class and must work on a publication. Quill and Scroll is responsible for the publication of the literary magazine.



First row, left to right: Mark Britt, Marty Swartzfager, president; John Harkless, vice president; Dot Axton, Lelia Anne Duncan, secretary; Joyce Russell; second row: Debbie Duffy, Carol Williams, Betsy Gough, Linda Blackwell, Dorothy Ann Stone; third row: Bill Granberry, Patty Wilson, and Janet Taylor.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes, under the direction of Coach Robert Henry, is an organization for students participating in sports. Athletes along with coaches are challenged in the adventure of following Christ in the fellowship of the church and serving him through vocations. Guest speakers are invited to speak to the club and a special guest this year was Tom "Eb" Lester.



First row, left to right: Kevin Kimble, Lee Miles, Margo Middleton, Tony Taylor, Billy James, Roger Glenn, Larry Hill, Donnie Hutchinson; second row: Pat Castle, Lisa Allred, Timmy Cranford, Jimmy Bolander; third row: Eric Hollingshead, Leisa Harper, Dot Axton, Lawton Coleman; fourth row: Kenny Smith, Buddy Brannon, Jay Porter, and Joel Myrick.

HERO

The main emphasis of the HERO chapter is to develop leadership through participation in a vocational student organization that emphasizes preparation for jobs and careers which require home economics knowledge and skills. The overall goal of both FHA and HERO chapters is to help youth assume their roles in society through home economics education in areas of personal growth, family life, vocational preparation and community involvement.



First row, left to right: Gina Sailors, Tina Sailors, Penny McLeroy, Rinsey Evans, Peggy McCarty, Teretha Williams; second row: Susan Lofton, Betty Jordan, Vanessa McLain, Mary Williams, Cheryl Seals, Terri Williams, Climmie Johnson, Murray Keyes; third row: Vivian Pugh, Michael Coleman, Dwight Bolton, Betty Gallaspy, Darlene Wilson, Terrance Crosby, Rickey McSwain, Ellie Lokey, and Eddie Rogers.

Hi-Jinx

Hi-Jinx, produced by the students at Watkins in cooperation with a local radio station, is a program for the student body. Hi-Jinx was created to boost school spirit and is broadcasted prior to the weekly game. It consists of skits written by the students, interviews with fellow classmates, school news reports and performances by students.



First row, left to right: Jadee Williams, Melody Hancock, Brian Williams, Buzz Stone, Dan Walley; second row: Dawn Allred, Kathy Butler, Marty Swartzfager, Margaret Deavours, Lisa Allred, and Dot Axton.



The Junior Classical League from left to right—Barbara Bankston, Allison Granberry, Lisa Miller, Lisa Graves, and Dot Axton.

Junior Classical League

Students taking any year of Latin are invited to participate in the Latin Club. Members of this club strive for a better understanding of Latin and the Roman life. Members attend the state convention to compete in quizzes, and chariot races. Also, a Roman meal is served at the convention.

Language Students Abroad

The Language Students Aboard Organization aims to promote interest in the foreign languages and to foster a deeper understanding of the English language. Each year the club plans educational excursions abroad to acquaint students with foreign cultures. Recently, members have experienced lifestyles in England, France, and Switzerland. They also invite the participation of other clubs and interested individuals at Watkins High School.



Left to right: Beverly Coleman, Brenda McCarty, James McBride, Gladys Loston, Mr. Jordon, and Sandra Britt.

Safety Council

The Safety Council is an organization of students who are interested in promoting safety at school and at home. The members of the Safety Council are representatives from each homeroom. The council is affiliated with the state association and works in cooperation with the National Safety Council and with its Laurel association.



Safety Council first row—Jackie Thomas, James Wheat, Danny Skinner, second row—Leon Johnson, Glenn Padgett, Mike Axton, and Coach Jones.



1977 Boys' and Girls' State

The purpose of Boys' State is to familiarize boys with the internal workings of government on a local, state, and federal level. Each year boys are selected by the American Legion on the basis of their leadership qualities to attend Hinds Junior College in Jackson. The week is spent in working in elected offices and athletics.

Boys' State left to right—Bob Bergin, Gerald Wyatt, and Eddie Ruth. Girls' State first row—Marlene Chancellor, second row left to right—Janet Taylor, Angela Howze, Lisa Cooley, Debbie Duffy, third row Cheri Thomas.



Each year a group of girls is selected to attend Girls' State at Belhaven College in Jackson. The selections are made by the American Legion and the various civic clubs in Laurel. At the college the Students perform mock legislatures and elect officers to serve during the week's stay.

Media Club

The Media Club is comprised of students who volunteer their free periods during the day to assist the librarians in such duties as delivering, servicing, and operating audio visual equipment, and serving library users by checking out material, assisting in research, and maintaining the library collection. These students perform a variety of functions that provide an important service to the library program.



Center: Donna Reeves; first row: Martha McKinnis, Mary Bergin, Terri Fairchild, David Welch, Cynthia Kimble; second row: Janet Taylor, Tina Knight, Carroll Brown, and Robert Finnegan.

Science Club

The objectives of the Science Club are primarily to promote a better understanding of the sciences by its members and to promote activities which stimulate community interest in the sciences.



First row: Laura Alexander, Allison Granberry; second row: Robbie Robinson, Burk West, Suzanne Anderson, Melissa Jones, Terri Myrick, Danelle Hagan, Leisa Harper, Barbara Bankston; third row: Laura Lindstrom, Bill Granberry, Hugh Sanderson, Lisa Graves, Marlan Baucum, and David Gunter.

SPANISH CLUB

The purpose of the Spanish Club is to promote interest in the foreign language, and in the cultures of Spanish-speaking countries.



First row left to right: Glenn Padgett, Lynn Wood, Eyelyn Hill, Regina Sims, Mike Axton; Second row: Lawson Hester, Kim Gregory, Laura Coleman, Mike Lawrence, Sue Adler; Third row: Louise Smith, Toinette Ryan, Dean Bouchillon; Fourth row: Cindy Rawls, Sherri Adler, Diana Holifield, and Ruby Yeager.

GERMAN CLUB

The German Club this year had in mind the purpose of promoting the German Language and also German culture. Activities of the club this year included visiting NuCare and also attending the Mississippi Language Fair at William Carey College.



Left to right seated: Catherine Brown, Jason Jones, Carroll Brown, Bob Bankston; Kneeling: Jerome Jones, David Seals; Standing: Jody Swartzfager, Mellgwin Chesser, Mrs. Brown, and Iris Bradford.

R.H. Watkins Band

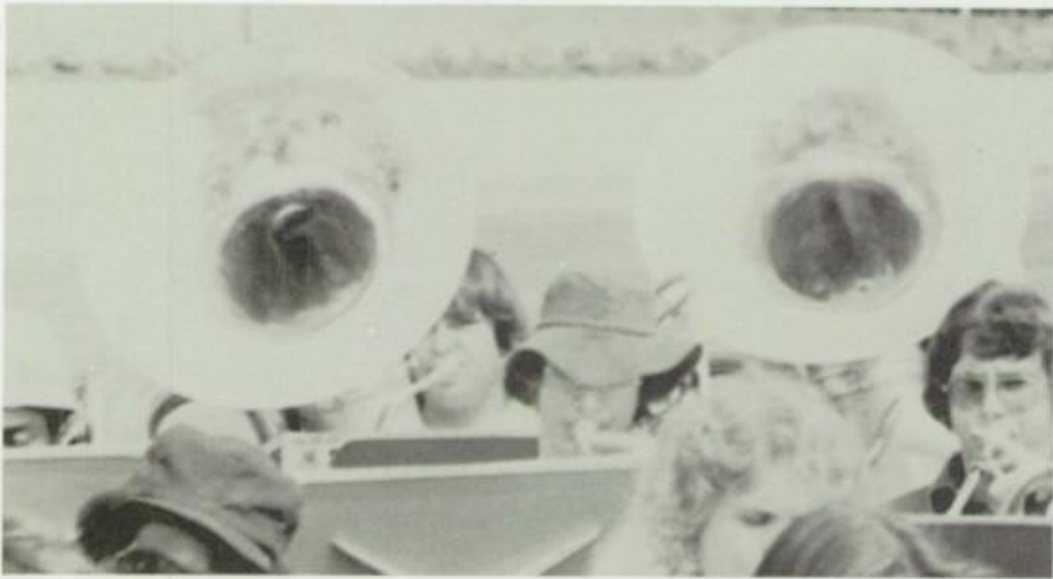
The 1977-78 Tornado Band, directed under Dr. Charles Saul and Mr. Carl Varnado, brought top honors at State Contest this year. The group received all superiors in marching, concert, sight reading, and drum major. The band, as a reward, went to Disney World. Many awards were given to the Tornado Bandsmen. Leslie Monson won the Spirit and Attitude award. Karen Boswell won the Most Improved Band Student award. Gigi Grim was named Tau Beta Sigma Outstanding Bandswomen. Mark Brogan won the Malcom M. Flowers award.

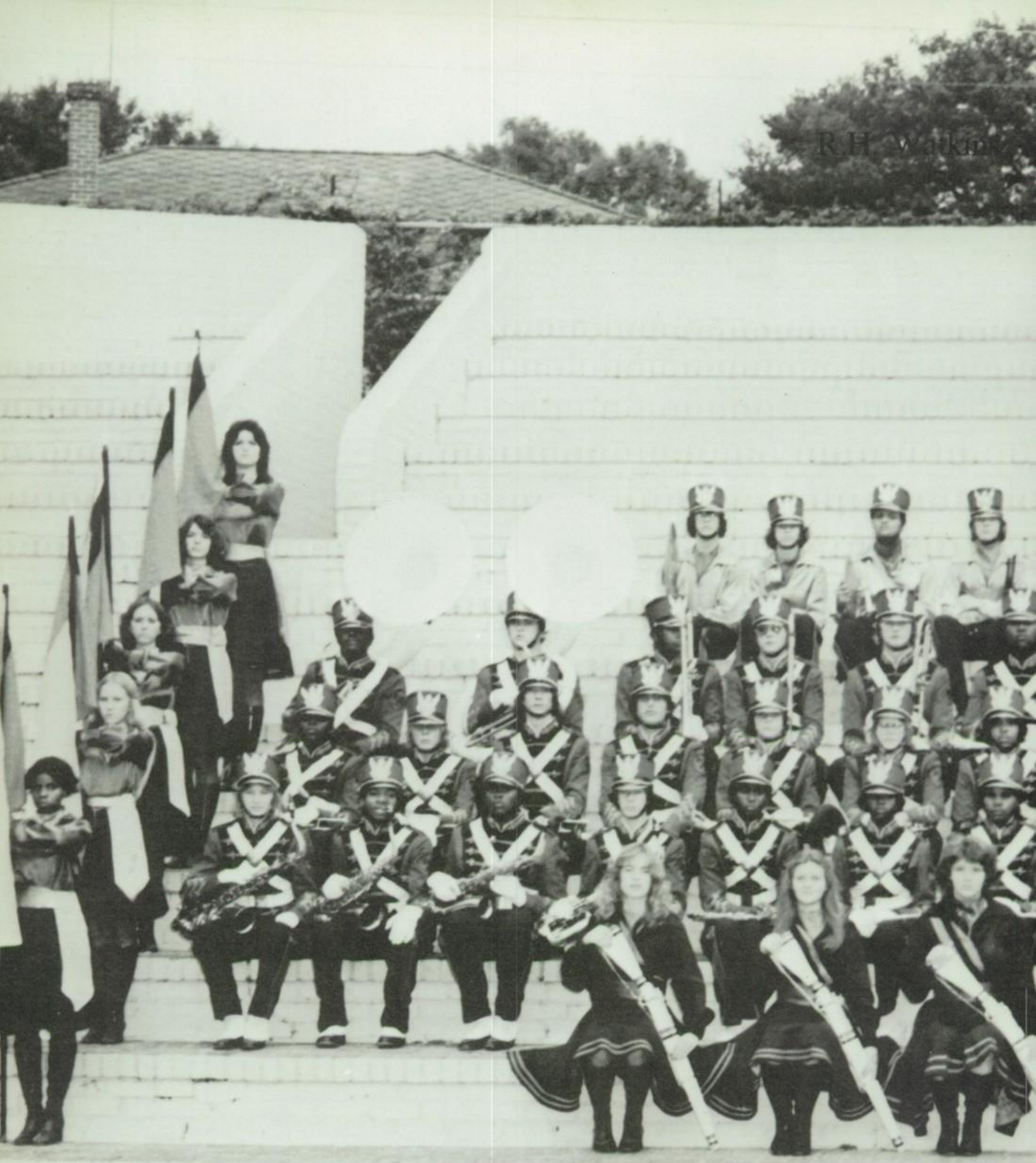
Top photo: Laura Lindstrom practicing for the Red and Gold Review.
Bottom photo: Band members take a break.



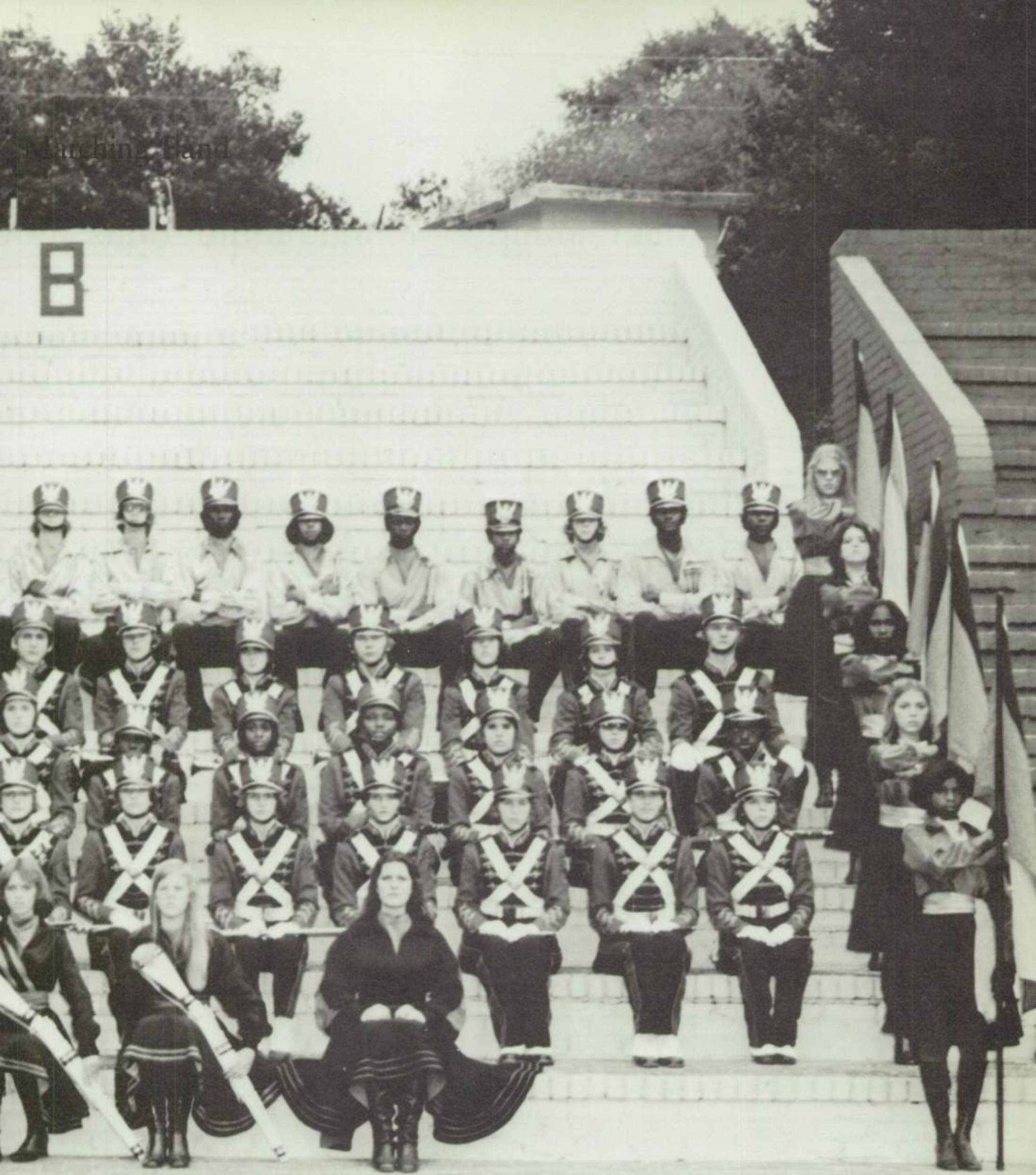


Counterclockwise: The Band members in the drum section warm up before the pep rally. Bird plays his Trombone. Band members practicing. Band members at a pep rally.





First row from left to right: Rifle Girls, Cynthia Brogan, Leshia Byrd, Anna Finnegan, Tina Miller, and Lori Wade; Drum Major, Jamie McCool. Second row from left to right: Laura Lindstrun, Allen Dace, Rinsey Evans, Bobby Quimby, Helen Cole, Angela Barnett, Uvette McCree, Jeannea Spence, Deanne Jones, Becky Chandler, Karen Boswell, Jan Duffy, Lisa Graves, and Alicia Holloway. Third row from left to right: Demetrius Mason, Charles Newcomb, Michael Owens, Randy Russell, Toby Lyon, Teresa Barney, Janet Brumfield, Cindy Baker, Cheryl Donald, Paulette Shaw, Vivian Hilton, Laura Coleman, Cindy Carlos, and Adrian McCree. Fourth row from left to right: Michael Bethea, David Smith, Stacy Falls,



Robin Ricchette, Joey Foster, Hilliard McDonald, Bill Brown, Mike Holifield, Karen Soelman, Jerry Elgin, Ken Cunningham, Gigi Grim, and Mark Brogan. Fifth row from left to right: Greg Murrell, Jim Blackledge, Alphonso Harkless, Ricky Monson, David Bisnette, Ronnie Fall, Ronnie Wells, Norman Cole, Vincent Gully, Terry Hosey, Bobby Howze, Kent Lyon, Curtis Hilton, and Larry Breland. Standing from top to bottom, left side: Flag Girls, Angela Armond, Anita Hopkins, Denise Walters, Pam Morse, and Leslie Monson. Standing from top to bottom, right side: Adrienne Armond, Debbie Carmichael, Cynthia Brown, Allison Monson, and Lana Wade.

Environmental Science

The purpose of the Environmental Science club is to make students become more aware of their environment and the problems in their environment.



First row left to right: Jeff Sullivan, Ben Guffy, Rhonda Howell, Dawn Hammond, Marty Swartzfager, Paul Powell; Second row left to right: Don Temple, Brian Dennis, Angela Collins, Linda Blackwell, Becky Waggoner, Kenny DuBose; Third row left to right: Mr. Barksdale, Robin Wansley, Doug Winsette, Eric Carter, Joel Myrick, Mr. Hyatt, James Russell.

Drug Education

The R.H. Watkins Drug Education Team consist of twenty students, juniors and seniors. It is on a voluntary basis. The team meets one hour out of each school day for the purpose of preparing lessons for elementary school visits. Once every six weeks, these students visit the public elementary schools in Laurel. Here, they discuss moral values and self awareness with the elementary school children.



Standing left to right: Susan Tillery, Lisa Allred, Ken Boutwell, Laura Alexandre, Melody Hancock, Beth Coffin and Helen Durr; Seated first row left to right: Lynn Watkins, Diane Watkins, Pam Eggert; second row: Denise Smith, Roger Glenn, June Crumbly, Margo Middleton, Betsy Barnett, Lisa Robinson, and Wendy Collins.

FBLA

The Future Business Leaders of America program of activities can complement, supplement, and strength the instructional program in business education. Combined with classroom instruction, FBLA activities give greater scope and depth to the instructional program. Active participants in the organization acquire confidence in their own abilities and prepare for success in the business world of tomorrow.



First row, left to right—Dottie Reed, Virginia Johnson, Sandra Giles, Eva Cooley, Kim Cochran, Cynthia Brown; Second row, left to right—Melinda Johnston, Terri Broadway, Terri Wright, Cynthia Furgulack, Nan Gibson; Third row, left to right—Lorna Jo Sumrall, Donna Logan, Cindy Harris, Rhonda Fairchild, Shelly Edgeman; Fourth row, left to right—Cathy Ward, Karen Aaron, Lisa Caraway, Norma Nichols.



Top photo: members display FBLA banner in Tornado Day Parade. Bottom photo: 1977-1978 FBLA officers and Advisors: Left to right; Mrs. Tommye Kersh; Connie Smith, Historian; Nan Gibson, Vice-president; Lisa Sims, Reporter; Shelly Edgeman, Secretary; Donna Logan, Treasurer; and Mrs. Anita Smith.



DECA

The Distributive Education Club's purpose is to develop future leaders for marketing, distributing, retailing, and wholesaling. Their projects are the observance of National DECA week, participation in State Leadership Conference and participation in National Leadership Conference. This year's DECA Club finished fourth in the nation in national competition.

Right photo: First row, left to right; Albie McLeroy, Jenny Hanna, Brenda McCraw, Kathy Hanna, Jimmy Johnson; Second row; Linda Byrd, Yvonne Ellis, Glen Stewart, Terri Steele, Becky Waggoner, Atley Ledlow; Back row; David Jones, Jim Stone, Mark Whitt, Ricky Mayfield, and Layke Walker.



Above photo: First row; Tad Britt, Greg McNamara, Reuben Jordon, Lynda Laurendine, Lane Hilbun; Back row; Mark Maslanka, Ricky Meadows, Gary Carlisle, Jim Rose, and Paul Craven. Right photo: First row: Donna Childers, Mark Smith, Tammy Perdue, Steve Hall; Second row; Roy Keys, and Danny Hamm.





Counterclockwise from left—First row, left to right; Twyler McCullum, Carol Magee, Lorraine Redd, Dusty Hammond, Priscilla Musgrove; Second row; Ken Rainer, Terry Warren, Jim Blackledge, Joey Bassett; Third row; Cynthia Earnest, Jerome Trotter; Fourth row; Patricia Barnes, Vivian Moody, James Millsap, and David Seals: First row, left to right; Allen Stroo, Harvey Saul; Second row; Joana Ishee, Margaret Beard, Sheila Finley, Debbie Newsome, Karen Gentry, Julie Slade; Third row; Donna Reeves, Sandra Williams, Kelley Clark, and Laurie Waite: First row, left to right; Mary Cole, Denise Nix, Gloria Morgan, Yvette McCree, Stewart Smith, Charlene Richardson; Second row; Joe Holmes, Mike Owens, Terri Fairchild, Sue Adler, Adrian McRee, Randy Hatten, William Jackson; Third row; Judith Tew, Lisa Page, Jennifer Clayton, Shari Ford, Connie Parrish; Fourth row; Shelia Miller, Alice Wash, Ken Ratcliffe, and Tommie Rogers: First row, left to right; Glenda McCree, Debbie Duffy, Raymond Smith, Kenny Smith, Anthony Hoover, Judy Ridgeway; Second row; Elvin Ulmer, Glen Padgett, Jerry Warren, Bill Reynolds, Sonya Dyess, Helen Cole; Third row; Valerie Williams, Ronnie Fall, Willie Loftin, Calvin Reed, and Bobby Bush.



Marketing Classes
Train Future DECA
Students



Whirl

The Whirl is the school newspaper which is printed eight times a year. The members of the paper staff attended MSPA convention at Ole Miss, bringing back 5 certificates of merit. Also, a member of the staff was elected the new secretary of the Mississippi Scholastic Press Association.



Front to back standing: Debbie Duffy, Bill Granberry, Demethra Gray, Betsy Gough, Ananeki Gray, Clara Graham, Dorothy Ann Stone; Seated, left to right: Lelia Ann Duncan, Chris Deaton, Tina Whitten, and Janet Taylor.

The Vocational Industrial Clubs of America

The purpose of the VICA club is to help students with interest in the Trade, Industrial, Technical, or Health fields develop leadership abilities through participation in educational, vocational, civic, recreational, and social activities. Emphasis is placed on the competitive aspect of club membership and the ability of students to plan together organize and carryout worthy Activities and project within the school and the community.

VICA Classes left page Clockwise: Auto Mechanics, Metal Trades, Auto Mechanics, and Metal Trades. VICA Classes right page clockwise: Electrical Trades, Building Trades, Electrical Trades, and Building Trades.





VICA

VICA Classes top to bottom: Graphic Arts, Industrial Drafting, and Graphic Arts.





VICA Winners and Officers

Top photo is the State Vice President of VICA, who is Robin Richetti. Middle photo is of the VICA officers. Kneeling left to right, Leon Johnson, Chaplain; Michael Sampson, Treasurer; Richard Bender, Reporter; Standing left to right, Leroy Dennis, second Vice-President; Barbara Jones, first Vice-President; David Barrett, President; Ronald Sampson, Parliamentarian; Corniel Bridges, Secretary. Bottom photo, Winners in District and State Vica Competition. Kneeling, left to right, Richard Bender, Nicky Howell, Sary Roberts, Ronney Webb, Robin Richetti; Standing, left to right, Leon Johnson, Leroy Dennis, Barbara Jones, Suzanne Goleman, Ronald Sampson, and Dena Graves.



Future Homemakers of America

The Future Homemakers of America is an organization designed to help youth assume their roles in society through home economics education in areas of personal growth, family life, vocational preparation, and community involvement. Yearly projects are chosen by the members. Throughout the year the chapter is involved in activities that relate to the concerns or issues of the members.



Front row, left to right: Mary Thompkins, Martha McInnis, Connie Brown; Middle row, left to right: Vivian Hilton, Lisa Shelby, Cassandra Donald, Sheila Miller; Top row, left to right: Quedia Newell, Sandra Jordan, Edith Jefferson.

Lab Assistants



First row, left to right: Congetta Ward, Dot Axton, Leisa Harper, Brian Finnegan; Back row, left to right: Burk West, Tonya Smith, Paul Duff, John Harkless, and Jimmy Harrell.



Golden

First row: left to right: Susan Tillery, Lorraine Redd, Donna Lynn Childers, Cindy Scoper, Betsy Barnett, Lynn Watkins, Lelia Ann Duncan, Gina Galligan, Lee Guffy, Melissa Jones, Angela Trulsen, Lisa Robinson, Beth Coffin, Rhonda Howell,



Girls

Stacy Burton; Second row: Laura Howard, Susan Jensen, Paige Pickering, Pat Castle, Tena Caves, Cathy White, Denise Smith, Jadee Williams, Diana Beckman, Dottie Reed, Stacey Harris, Pam Eggert, and Diane Watkins.



Counterclockwise: Lisa Robinson, Pat Castle, Susan Tillery, Jadee Williams, Pam Eggert, Donna Lynn Childers, and Lelia Ann Duncan.





Clockwise: Lee Guffy, Betsy Barnet, Lynn Watkins, Rhonda Howell, Dottie Reed, Lorraine Redd, and Beth Coffin.





Counterclockwise from right: Angela Trulsen, Cathy White, Stacey Harris, Susan Jensen, Cindy Scoper, Denise Smith, and Melissa Jones.





Clockwise from left: Laura Howard, Gina Galligan, Diana Beckman, Tena Caves, Paige Pickering, Diane Watkins, and Stacy Burton.

The Afro-American Club

The Afro-American Club is a newly organized club at R.H. Watkins. This club was organized to give students an opportunity to identify, recognize, and promote cultural contributions of Afro-American. This club's main purpose was to establish a better relationship among students. The club provided for black talent in promoting school activities and promoting Black History Month. The club's project for this year was having a car wash, and the recognition of Black History Month. Club officers are John Harkless, President; Beverly Coleman, Vice President; Janine Brown, Secretary; and Cynthia Mosley, Reporter. The club sponsor was Mrs. Yvonne Terrell. The club also entered two contestants in the Beauty Pageant. The club looks forward to next year in competing in next year's school activities.

Top photo: The 1978 Afro-American officers. Bottom photo: kneeling left to right; Cynthia Brown, Deborah Hadley, Adrian Armon, Vera Keyes, Gladys Loston, Shelia Miller, Lynn Cameron, Sonya Sampson, Janine Brown, Patricia Barnes. Standing left to right; Demetra Gray, Michael Johnson, Ananeki Gray, Cynthia Mosely, Wanda Seals, and John Harkless.





The Drama and Debate Club

The purpose of the Debate Club is threefold. It helps debaters develop an understanding of and a consideration for the opinions of others, develops the ability for active and responsible participation in democratic procedures, and it increases ones ability to recognize and analize propaganda

Pictured left, The Debate Club: Buzz Stone, Tad Britt, Margaret Deavours, Robin Stubbs, and Shari Steiner. Bottom photo, The Drama Club: Seated left to right; Charlie Elkins, and Lelia Ann Duncan. Standing left to right; Dan Walley, Melody Hancock, Paul Duff, Richard Pollet, Kevin Smith, and Eddie Rogers.



ROTC

The ROTC program at R.H. Watkins High School provides many opportunities for students to learn and practice leadership procedures and traits. Student cadets are given opportunity to belong to many aspects of the ROTC program through class activities, field experiences, and battalion gatherings. There are activities for both boys and girls in cadet staff and officer training, drill team competition, and color guard.

Top photo: Cadet Battalion staff, left to right; Chris Deaton, Robert Lockhart, Gerry Wyatt, Bill Granberry, Mike Cooley, and Tommy Holifield. Middle photo: Second period, Company A. Bottom photo: Third period, Company B.





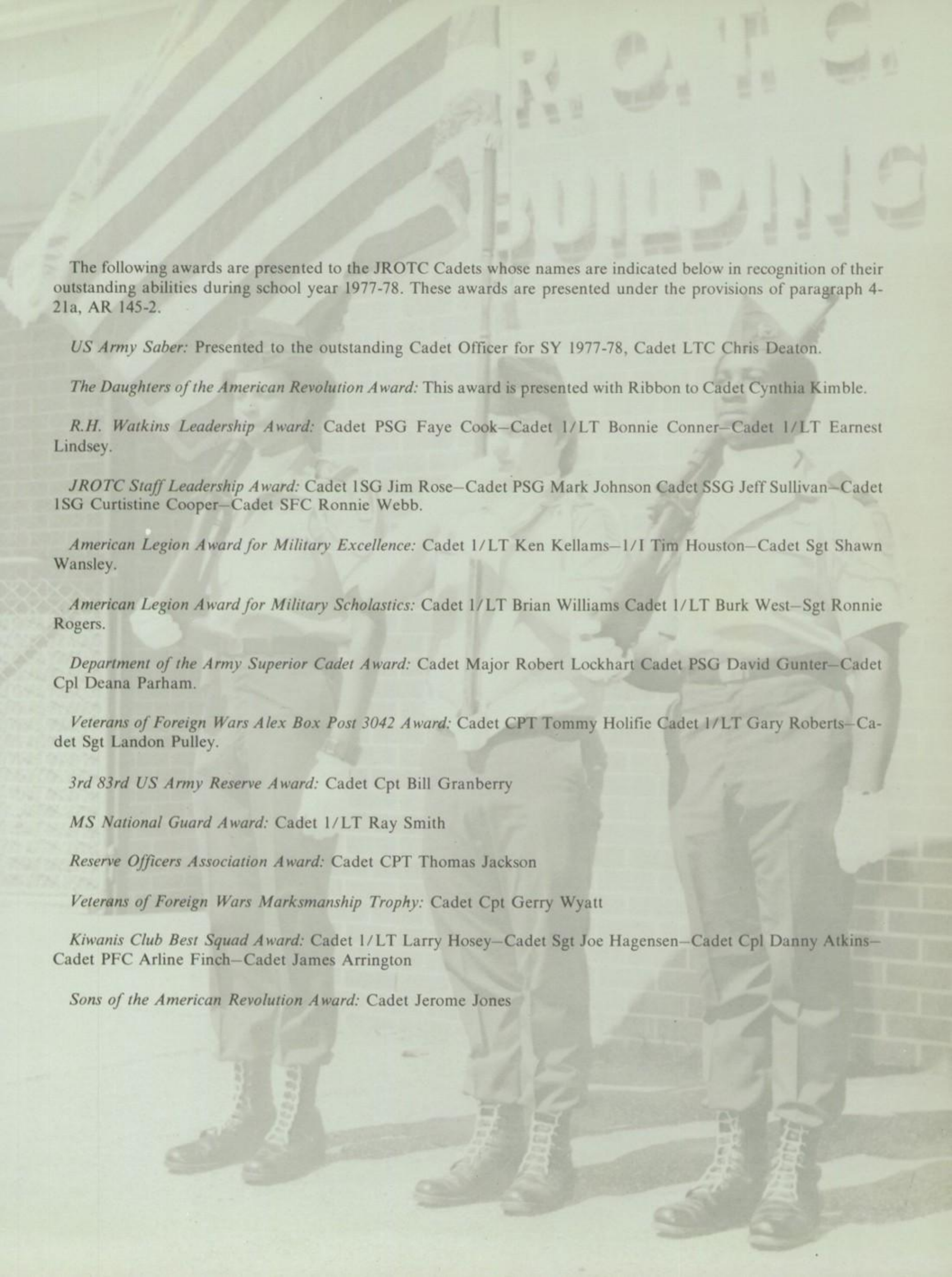
The JROTC Program is a leadership instruction course. The objectives are to train selected high school students in the requirements of effective leadership. ROTC students are taught leadership as it applies to both civilian and military positions of responsibility.



Top photo: Fourth period, Company C.
Middle photo: Sixth period, Company E.
Bottom photo: Girls Drill Team.

Clockwise from right: Deana Parham, Cynthia Kimble, Toni Martin, and Jackie Smith; Girls Drill Team, Company D; and Boys Rifle Team. Opposite page: Boys Color Guard, from left to right; Anthony Hardy, Eddie Rogers, and Mike Hardy.





The following awards are presented to the JROTC Cadets whose names are indicated below in recognition of their outstanding abilities during school year 1977-78. These awards are presented under the provisions of paragraph 4-21a, AR 145-2.

US Army Saber: Presented to the outstanding Cadet Officer for SY 1977-78, Cadet LTC Chris Deaton.

The Daughters of the American Revolution Award: This award is presented with Ribbon to Cadet Cynthia Kimble.

R.H. Watkins Leadership Award: Cadet PSG Faye Cook—Cadet 1/LT Bonnie Conner—Cadet 1/LT Earnest Lindsey.

JROTC Staff Leadership Award: Cadet 1SG Jim Rose—Cadet PSG Mark Johnson—Cadet SSG Jeff Sullivan—Cadet 1SG Curtistine Cooper—Cadet SFC Ronnie Webb.

American Legion Award for Military Excellence: Cadet 1/LT Ken Kellams—1/I Tim Houston—Cadet Sgt Shawn Wansley.

American Legion Award for Military Scholastics: Cadet 1/LT Brian Williams—Cadet 1/LT Burk West—Sgt Ronnie Rogers.

Department of the Army Superior Cadet Award: Cadet Major Robert Lockhart—Cadet PSG David Gunter—Cadet Cpl Deana Parham.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Alex Box Post 3042 Award: Cadet CPT Tommy Holifie—Cadet 1/LT Gary Roberts—Cadet Sgt Landon Pulley.

3rd 83rd US Army Reserve Award: Cadet Cpt Bill Granberry

MS National Guard Award: Cadet 1/LT Ray Smith

Reserve Officers Association Award: Cadet CPT Thomas Jackson

Veterans of Foreign Wars Marksmanship Trophy: Cadet Cpt Gerry Wyatt

Kiwanis Club Best Squad Award: Cadet 1/LT Larry Hosey—Cadet Sgt Joe Hagensen—Cadet Cpl Danny Atkins—Cadet PFC Arline Finch—Cadet James Arrington

Sons of the American Revolution Award: Cadet Jerome Jones

Office Assistants

The girls who work in the attendance office and the guidance office are chosen by the personnel of these offices. The most important duty of the guidance office assistants is checking and recording attendance each period. The major duties of the assistants in the attendance office are to deliver messages to students and teachers, and to run any errands that are needed by the personnel of the office.

Clockwise from right: Seated, Pat Castle, Althea Randolph, Jennifer Clayton, Rosemary Hicks, Standing, Lisa Miller; Seated, Lisa McCann, Charlene Richardson, Sandra Crosby, Standing, Cheryl Phillips, Linda Loston; Linda Barnett, Gertha Jones, and Deneen Lyons.





Top photo: First row; Leslie Goodwin, Meg Gaddis, Melissa Jones, Donna Hall, Second row; Jenny Busby, Maria Thompson, Edna Jones, and Jamie Hutchinson. Middle photo: First row; Lee Guffy, Catherine McCurdy, Libby Crosby, Second row; Tracy Smith, Lisa Matthews, Connie Reaves, and Lisa McCrary. Bottom photo: Seated; Lottie Pollard, Terri Myrick, Kim Daly, Phyllis Gates, Standing; Tammy Walters, Danelle Hagan, Sharon Hassell, and Leslye Sisson.



Showstoppers



First row; left to right: Michael Bethea, Vanita Apperwhite, Kathy Butler, Robbie Robinson; second row: Diana Beckman, Lorraine Redd, Angela Trulsen, June Crumley, Lelia Ann Duncan, Bob George, Marcia Polen; Third row: Richard Pollet, Jackie Thomas, Jamie McCool, Jim Nix, Buzz Stone; Fourth row: Ken Kellams, Kendall Norwood, Gina Galligan, Jeff Pounds, Allison Dewitt, Charlie Elkins, and Dan Walley.



Showstoppers and Singers in action

Clockwise from below: Bob and Lelia Ann bring back the 50's; The Laurel High Singers perform in the Downtown Mall; Marcia belts out a solo; Kendall receives a LOT of attention; Venita plays a mean Doris.



Laurel High



First row, left to right: Venita Upperwhite, JoAnna Corley, Stacy Burton, Donna Hammond, Chae McCool, Suzanne Taylor, Julie Parker, Paige Pickering, Cindy Scoper, Lelia Ann Duncan, Patricia Musgrove, Charlene Henderson, Dawn Hammond, Beverly Coleman, Lorraine Redd, Kathy Butler. Second row: Melody Hancock, June Crumley, Allison Dewitt, Julie Cranford, Bob George, Robbie Robinson, Suzanne Anderson, Susan Ingram, Diana Beckman; Third row:

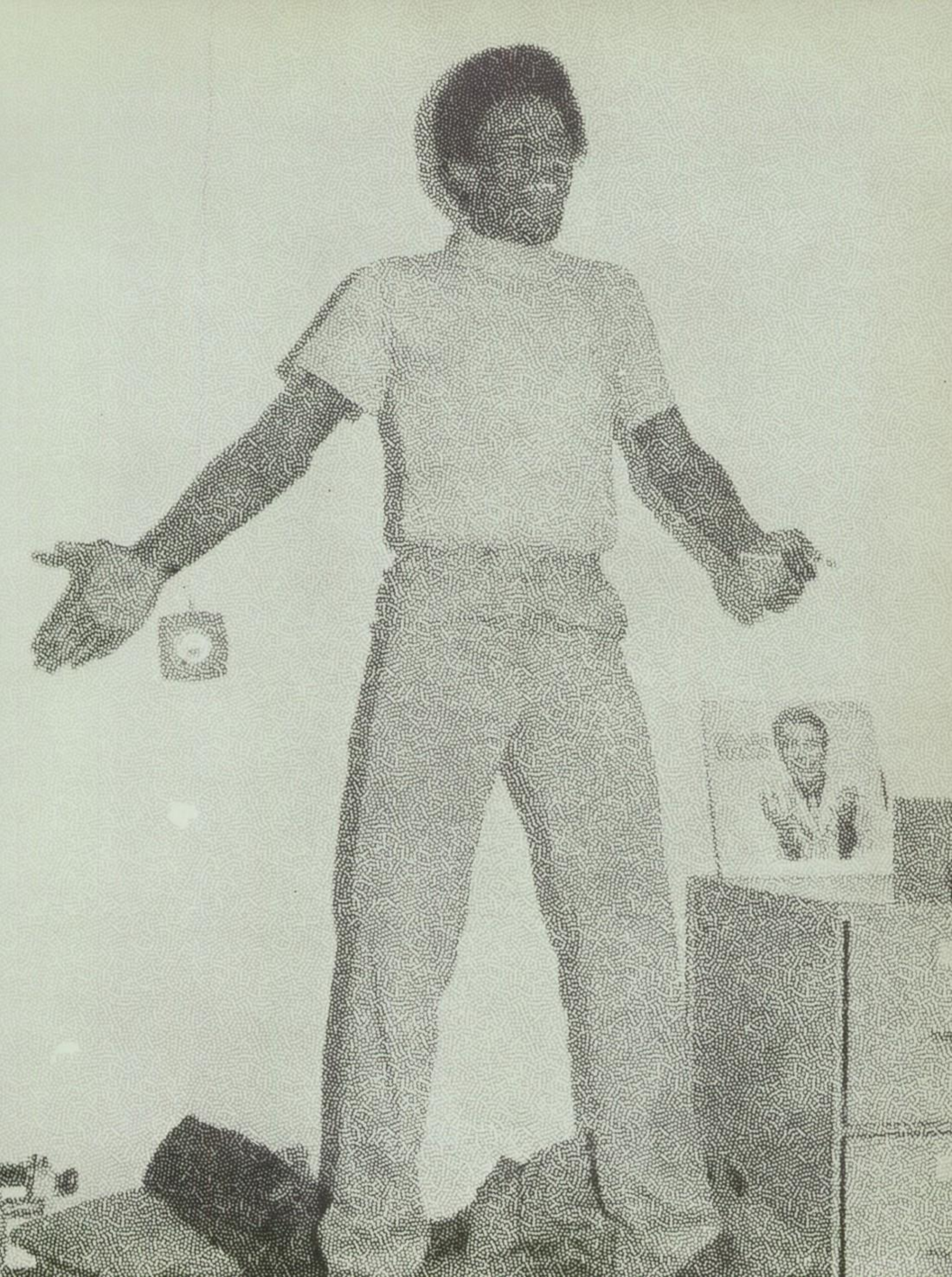
Singers



Mary Esther Jones, LeAnne Bush, Angela Trulsen, Jamie McCool, Judy Majors, Leisa Harper, Marcia Polen, Helen Rentz, Laura Coleman, Sylvia Posey; Fourth row: Linda Jeff, Toni Martin, Randy Carr, Brian Williams, John Holmes, Michael Bethea, Jackie Thomas, Richard Bustin, Vincent Gully, Kevin Smith, Richard Pollet, Paul Duff, James Milsaps, and Charles Breitling.

MEMORIES





Those Were the Days ...

Clockwise from right: Football aged Bobo sixty years. We had to hurry and make that dress before it went out of style. Willie Barlow seems to say "What, we're next?" Allison glued her eyelids together all by herself while Debbie helped Priscilla and Judy get ready. Tena got caught coming from the beauty parlor.





Those Were the Days . . .

Clockwise from below: Mr. Barksdale helps Henry officiate in favor of the faculty. Gary and Kelly became Tornado Tavern regulars. Betty, Vernella and Farrell took the day off. Those basketball trips nearly killed Marge and Helen. Susan listened closely as Ace told of Tornado strategy.



Those Were the Days ...

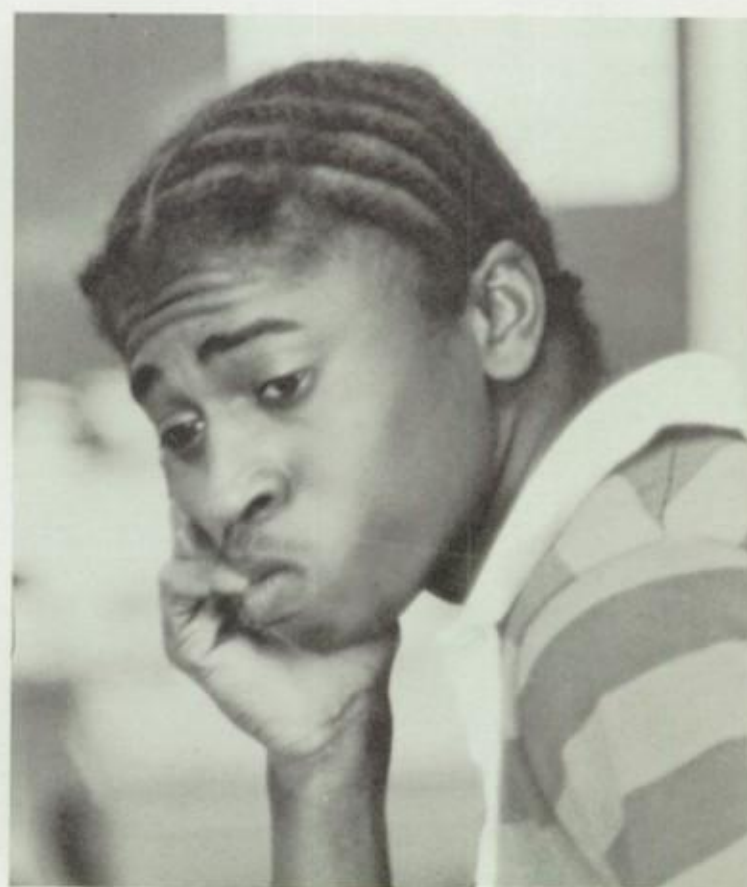
Clockwise from right: Melissa tries the newest hairstyle on Dianna. Sheila Paige couldn't figure that lunch out. We became art critics. Betsy and friends got caught peeping in. That was some wild second period Sr. Math class.





Those Were the Days . . .

Clockwise from below: Diane's class tried to keep her on her toes. Somedays those problems followed us everywhere. Julie and Denise came to school DRESSED. Kevin Moffett tried to cheer "Wheater" and Kevin Kimble but Billy James refused to smile. Deborah Thigpen smiled rain or shine.



Those Were the Days ...

Counter-clockwise from below: Jenny Busby kept all her friends informed; Cynthia Kimble always led us in the pledge; Mary and Lynn were very studious in class; Vicki and Beverly always loafed around; Kevin Kimble became a COOL DUDE.





Those Were the Days . . .

Clockwise from below: Joey Bassett never paid attention in class; Tina Whitten was caught sitting around; We all liked the camera—huh! David?; Nan Gibson was a regular KO-REC-TYPE user; Our skin changed during the musical.



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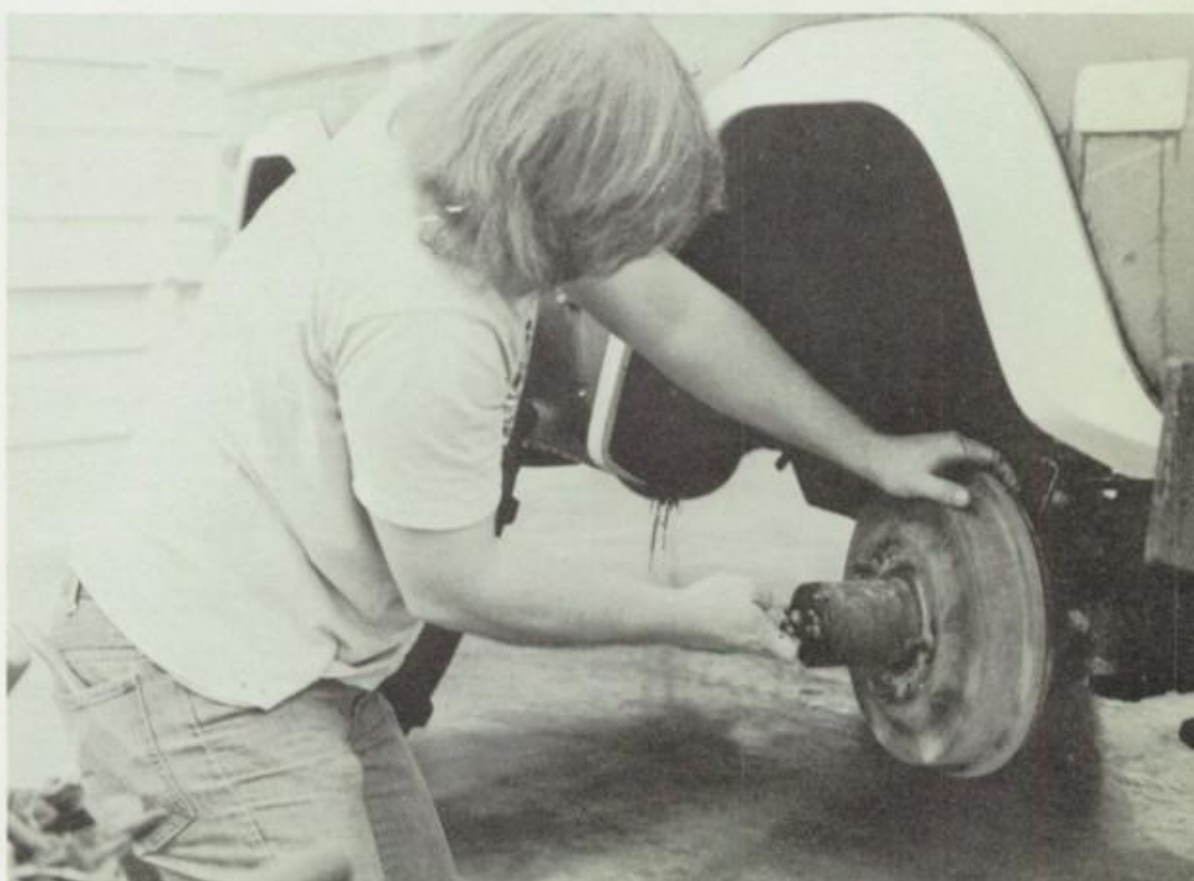
Clockwise from right: Darnell always found the camera; The hard working stage crew developed some big muscles; The alto section wanted everyone to know where they could be found; Lorraine Redd got upset at the photographer; Jay Porter tries to explain his "Victory???" over Coach Henry.





Those Were the Days ...

Counter-clockwise from left: Margo and Brian tied the knot in style; The baseball team had some clowns; James Perry Manning "looked over" next years players; We began to wonder if Joey Merrill was EVER gonna get that Jeep fixed; Laura Lindstrom demonstrated her technique.



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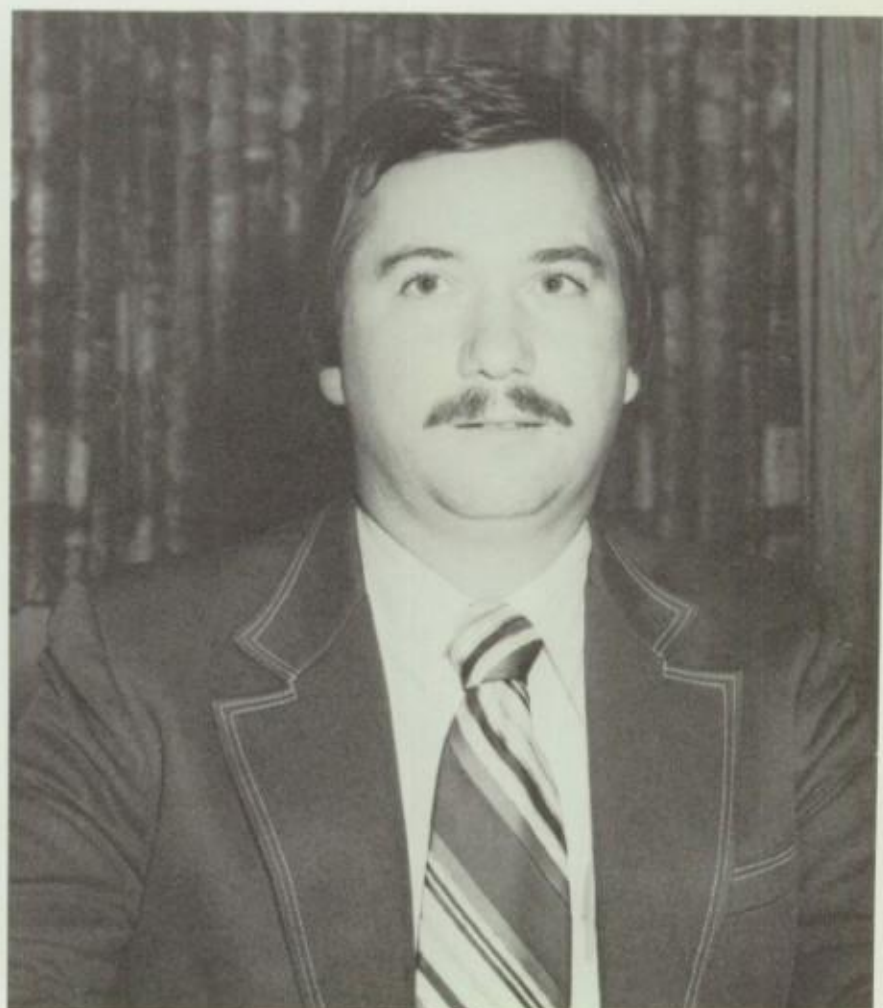
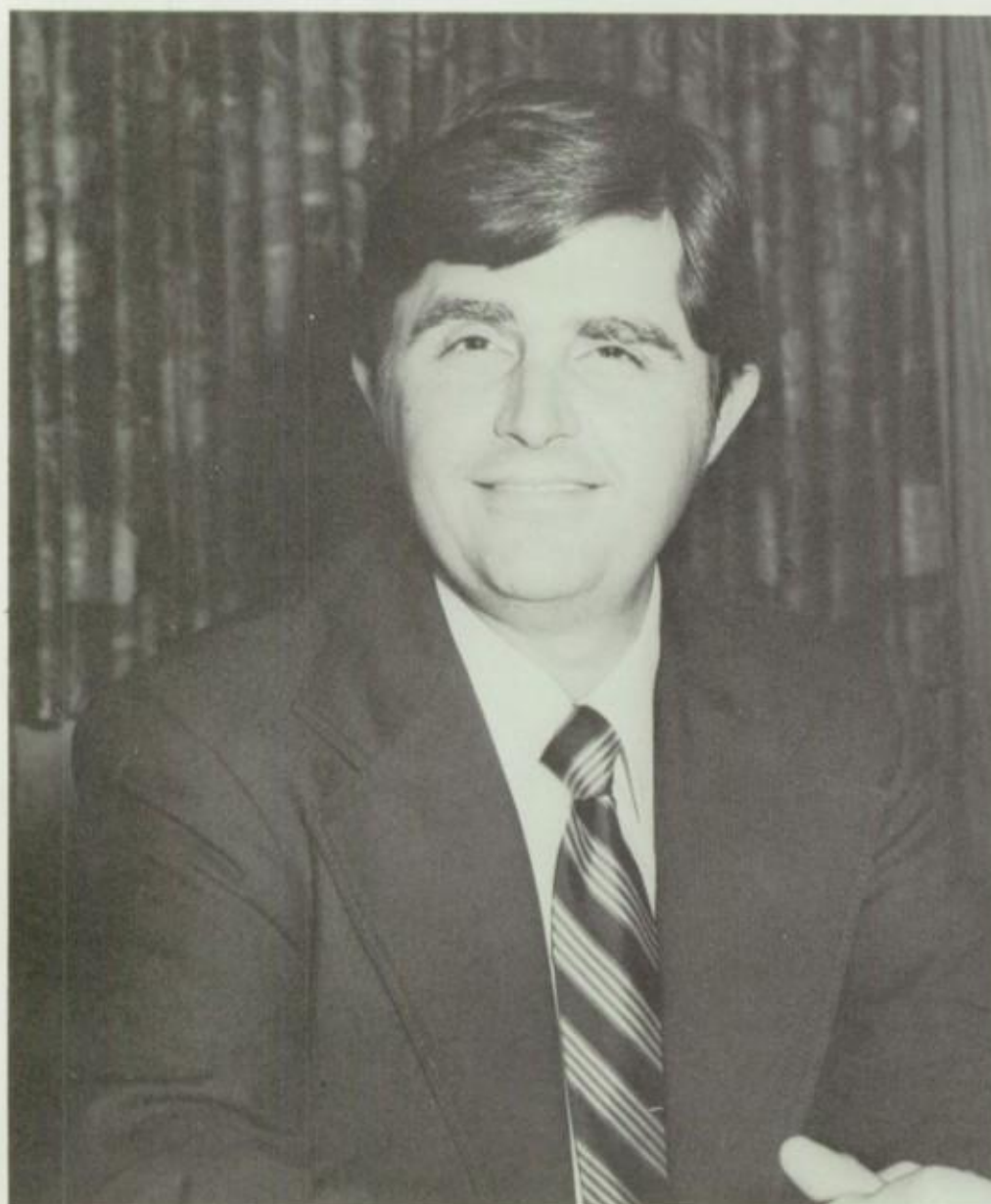
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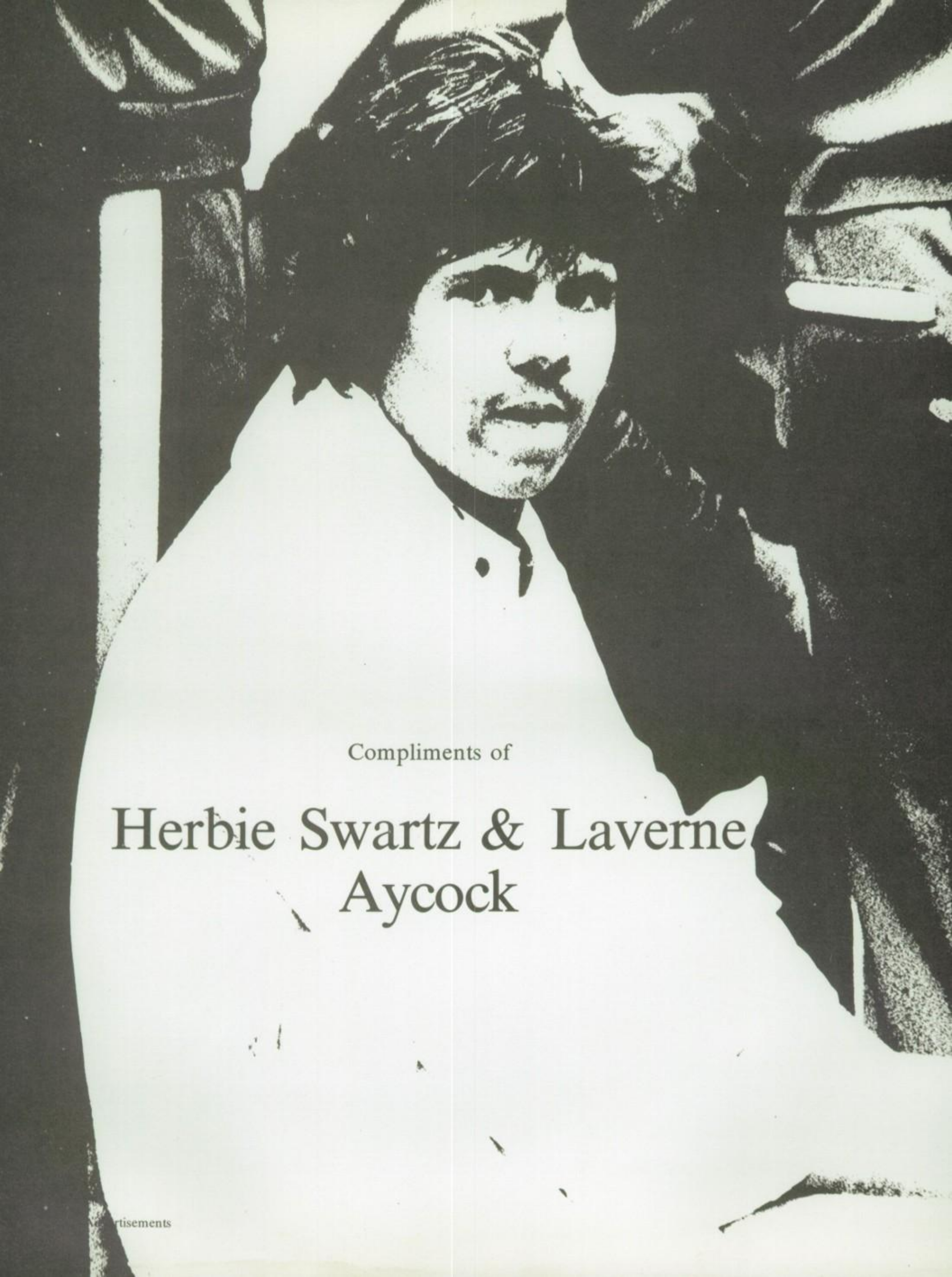


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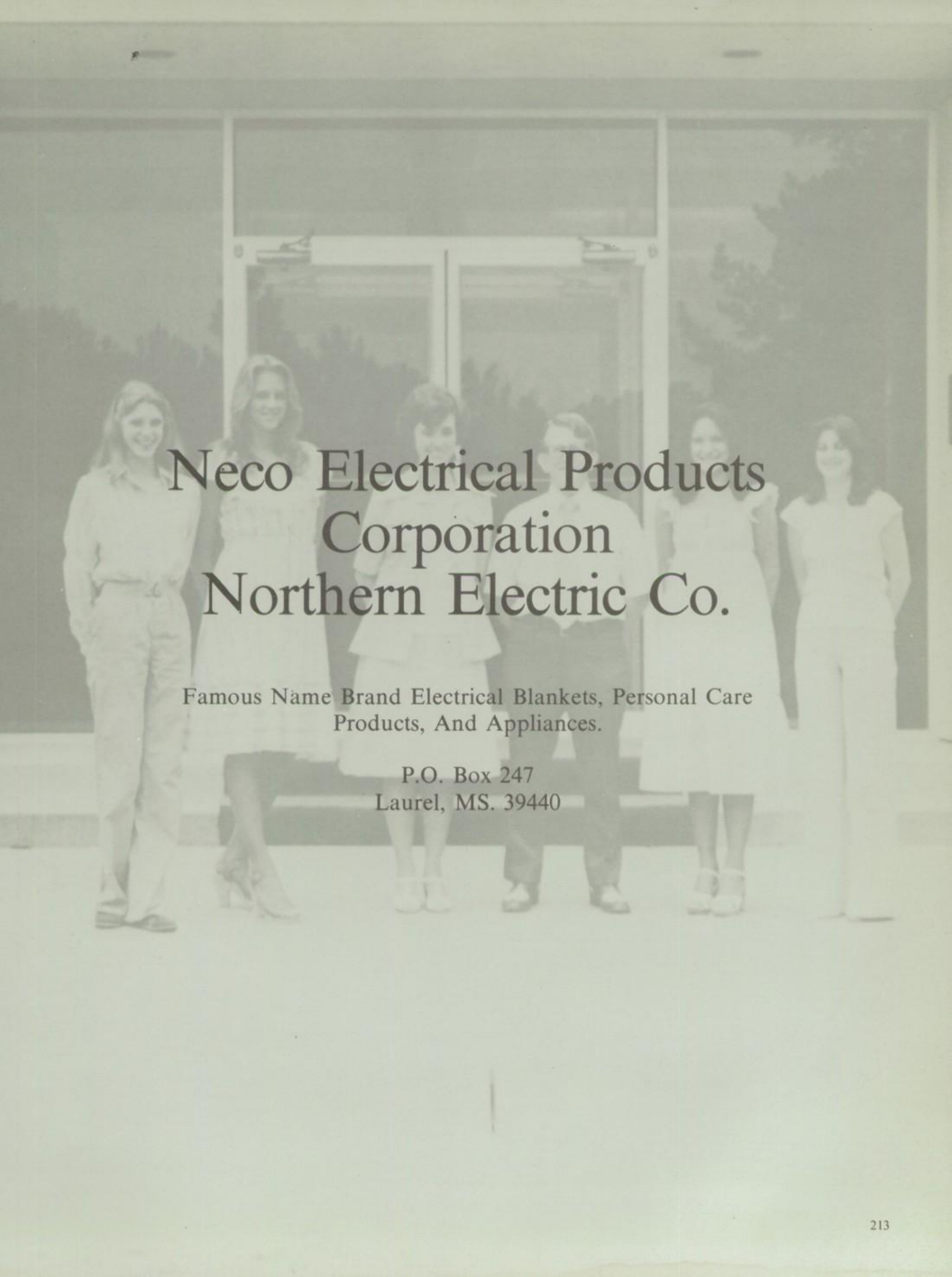






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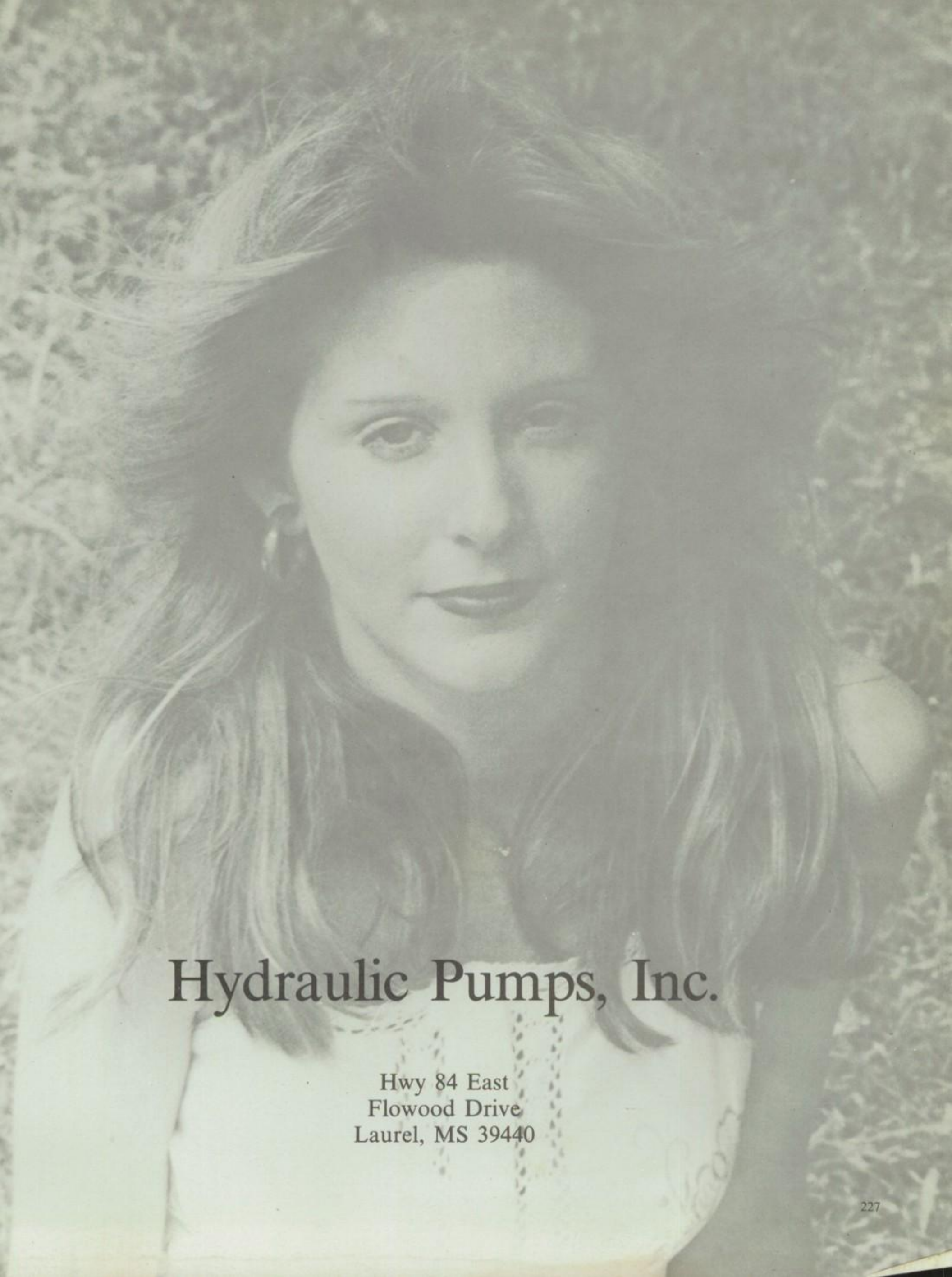
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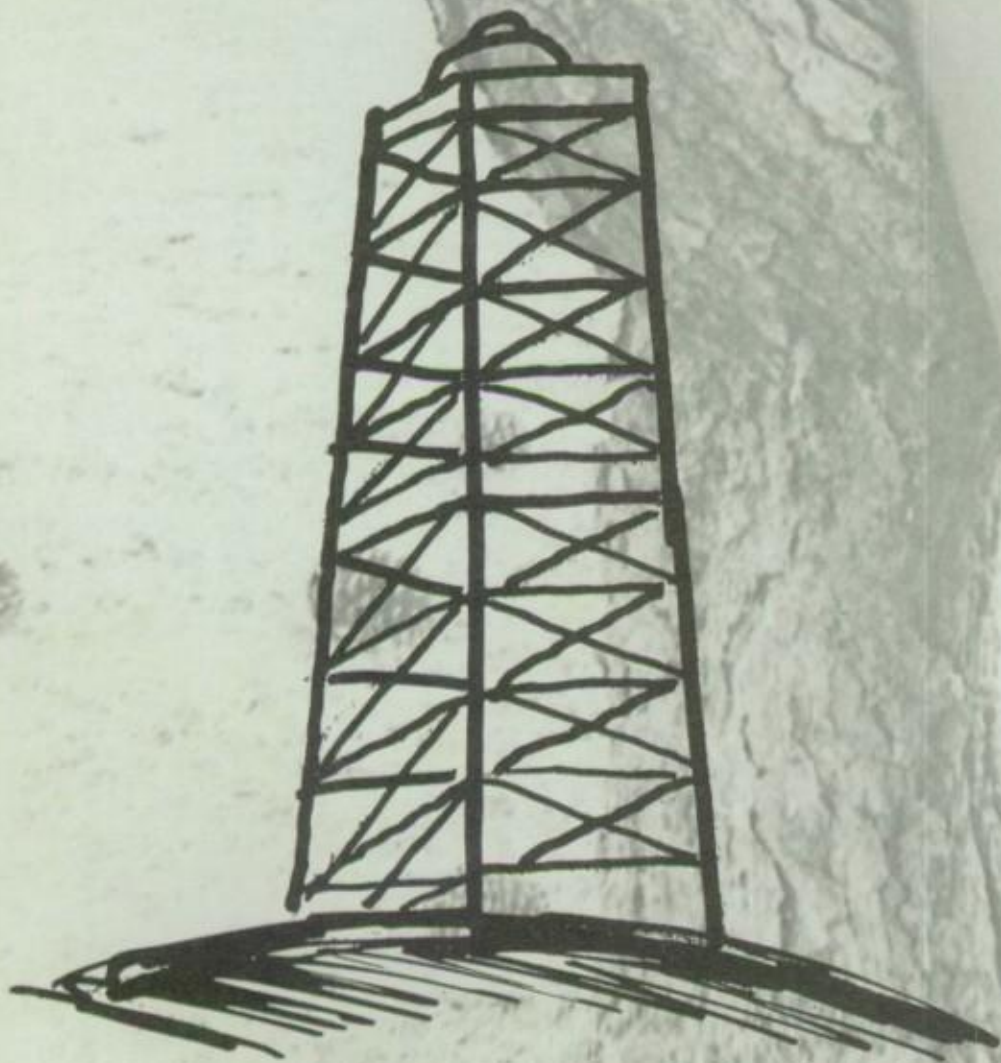
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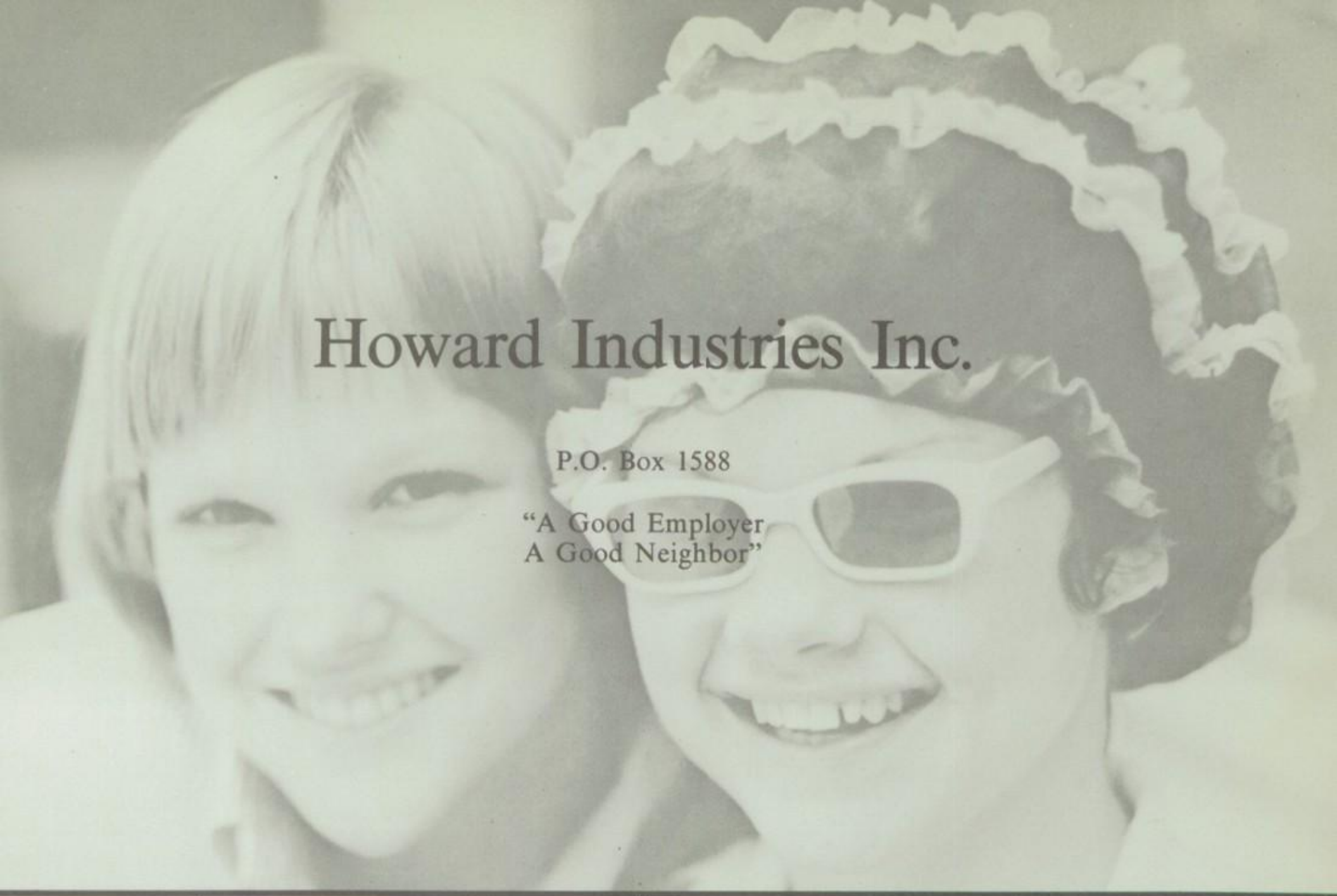
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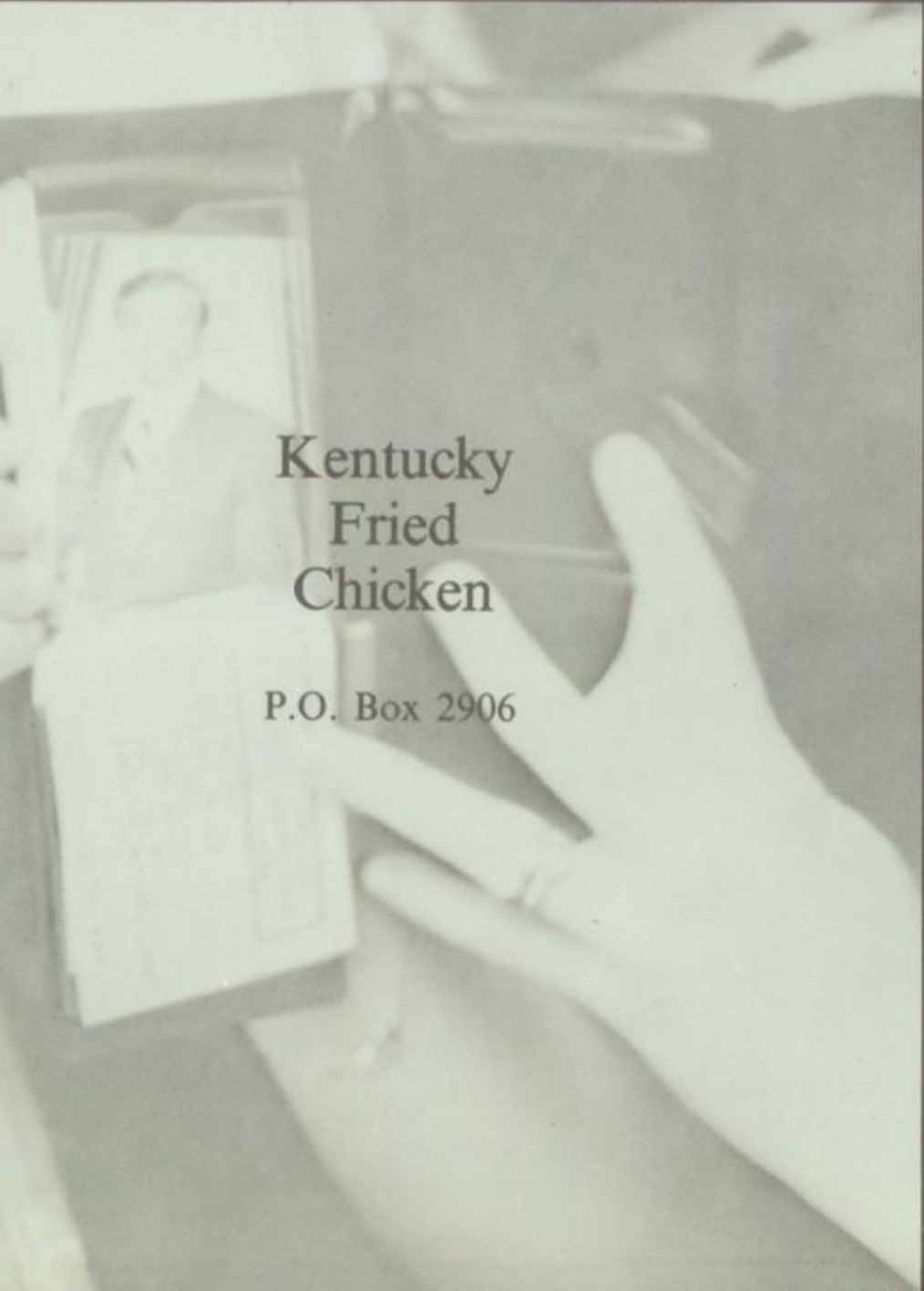




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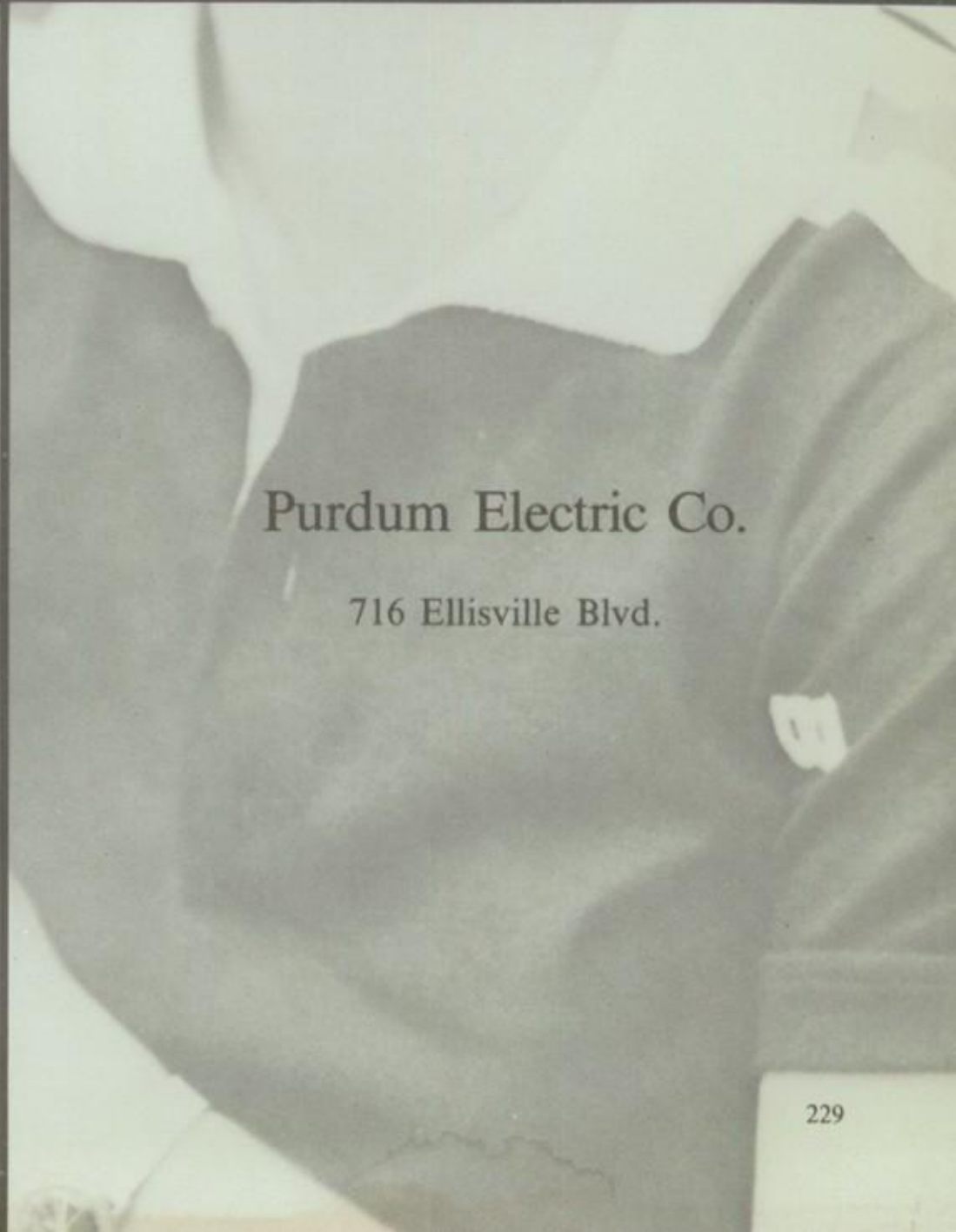
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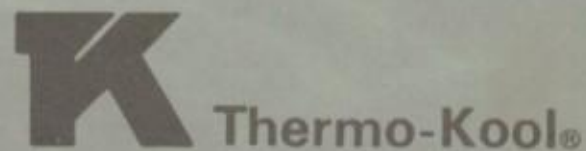
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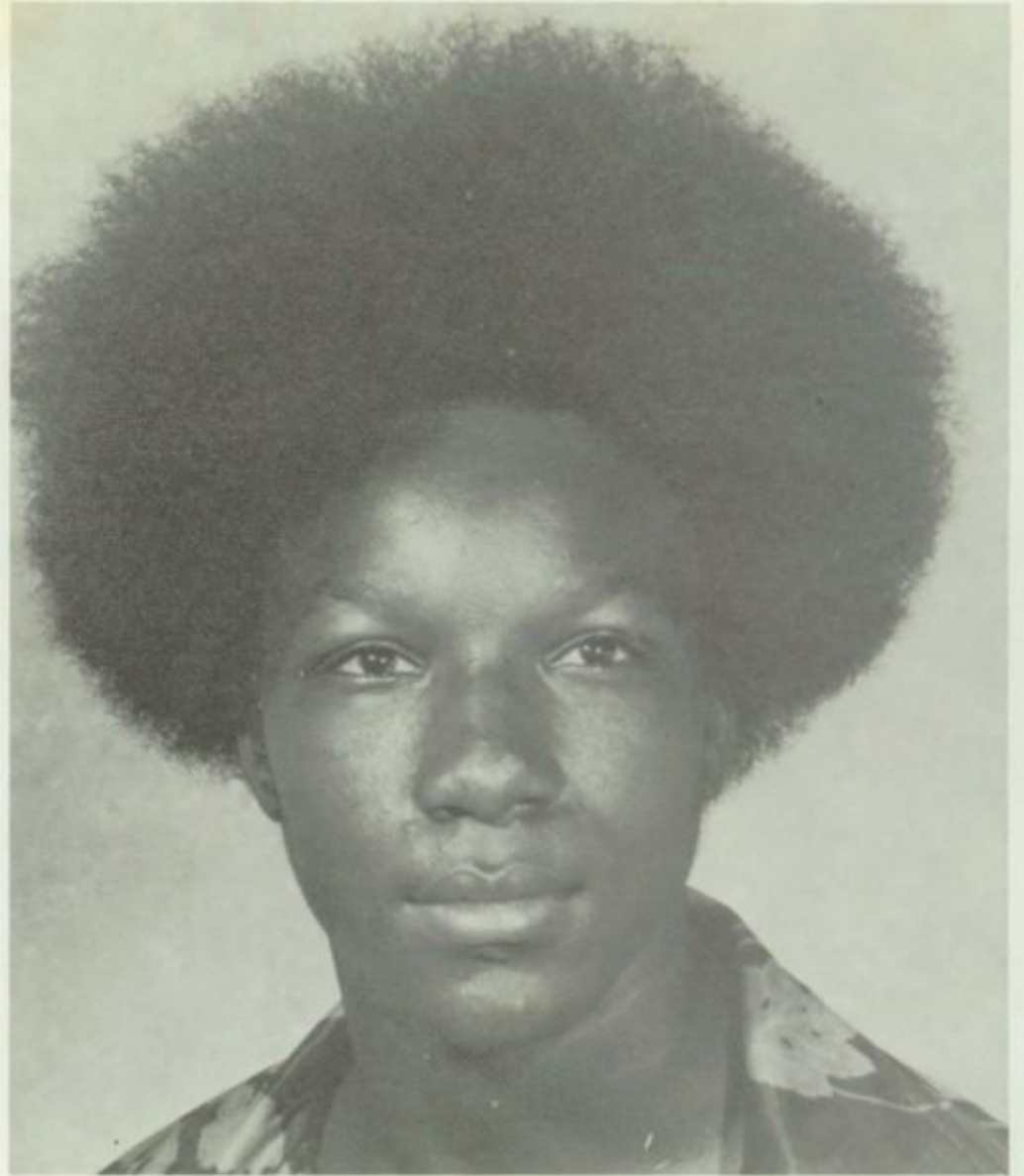
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